WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly southerly and westerly, unsettled, with occasional rain or sleet.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled, with sleet or rain.

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ERZERUM FEAT IS REMARKABLE

Russian General Staff Reviews Operations by Which Turkish Stronghold Was Reduced—Formidable Fortifications.

TURKS' STATEMENTS UTTERLY ABSURD

Thirteen Thousand Prisoners and 323 Cannon Captured—Many Bodies Found in Forts by Assailants.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 29.—The following official communication was issued from general headquarters tonight:

"Russian front—In the Dvinsk region, near the village of Garbunovka, and north of the Poniewsch, our troops drove back the Germans and made a slight advance. Between Lakes Ilsen and Medouos, and to the south, the Germans later, in serried ranks, advanced against our trenches, but recoiled before our heavy fire.

"On the Black Sea one of our destroyers dispersed by its fire a convoy which was proceeding along the coast road.

Truthful Turks

"Caucasus front—The Turkish communication of February 21 stated that the retreat of the Turkish army from Erzerum toward positions west of the fortress was effected without loss, and that the Turks abandoned in the fortress only fifty old guns which they could not remove. At the same time Turkish headquarters denied statements alleged to have been disseminated by the Russians of the capture in Erzerum of 1,000 guns and 80,000 prisoners. The same Turkish communication declares that Erzerum was really not a fortress, but an open town with fortifications devoid of any military value.

"In view of these assertions, the Russian general staff announces that the fortress of Erzerum was the only fortified point in the interior of Asia Minor, protecting Western Armenia and Anatolia, and commanding the best roads of trans-Caucasus and the interior of Asia Minor.

"For many years past great improvements have been carried out in the works by the Turks with the aid of the Germans. The terrain in front rendered it naturally strong, while it was covered on the flanks by mountain passes most difficult to approach, and with these passes protected also by powerful forts.

"Such was the formidable barrier in the path of our offensive, with enormous defensive advantages on the northeast and east.

"During the five days' assault the fortress was defended by the Turks with stubbornness, to which the enormous number of dead and frozen bodies gives testimony.

"The Caucasus army succeeded in surmounting a steep mountain, protected not only by forts but by wire entanglements and other defences, and assaulted the fortress after an artillery preparation. The assault on the first and principal position lasted from February 11 to 15, inclusive.

Full of Dead

"After we had taken the forts on the left flank of the principal Turkish line of defence, extending twenty-seven miles, the fate of the forts in the centre and on the right flank, and after them, of the second line forts and the principal defensive positions was decided February 16 after short attacks. These fortifications, which were full of Turkish dead, remained in our hands.

"During the assault on the fortress several Turkish regiments were annihilated or taken prisoners, with all their officers. In the line forts alone we took 197 artillery pieces of various calibres and in good condition. In the defence work of the central forts we took another 126 pieces. In the fortified region of Erzerum we took a large number of storehouses of various kinds, which have already been mentioned by the headquarters staff.

"The exact number of Turkish prisoners is 235 officers and 12,753 men.

"It is possible to estimate the force of the blow which we dealt the Turkish army by the fact that some of their army corps of three divisions now only number from 3,000 to 5,000 men, with a few guns. All of the remainder have either fallen into our hands or perished in the fighting or from cold.

"The Turkish prisoners captured in Erzerum, or in the pursuit, complain bitterly that their headquarters staff was in the hands of the Germans, who, during the assault on the forts, were the first to abandon the fortified positions, causing panic and disorder among the already shaken Turkish troops."

IS CARRYING OUT SCHEDULED POLICIES

In answer to statements that have been made that the Government's shipbuilding policy has been devised for vote-catching purposes, Hon. W. J. Bowser stated yesterday that the promised legislation is the sequel to his undertaking as set out in his manifesto last December, when he became Premier. At that time he said that the shipbuilding problem would be given attention, and the legislation, as outlined in the speech of Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt on Monday evening, is the result of two months' deliberation.

The Premier points out that whether or not Mr. Flumerfelt is elected in Saturday's by-election, the programme, as outlined, will be carried out in its entirety. From reports that have reached him, he is certain that it will be possible to commence the construction of ships here directly the measure becomes law.

Similarly with the putting into operation of the Agricultural Credits Act, the decision reached in this respect is following negotiations that have been in progress for some time past to secure the necessary money. Both of these questions, of such supreme importance to industrial and agricultural interests, will be fully explained by Premier Bowser at the meeting he will address in the Royal Victoria Theatre on Friday night.

Sunk by Austrians

LONDON, Feb. 29.—A dispatch to Reuter's from Landskrona, Sweden, says: "The captain of the Swedish steamer Tolborg, recently sunk in the Mediterranean, says it was an Austrian submarine that sent his vessel to the bottom. The crew of the Tolborg was rescued by a Spanish steamer and landed at Leghorn."

U. S. Mail Detention Protest

LONDON, Feb. 29.—It is understood that the French Government is framing a reply to the protest of the United States regarding the seizure of mails to and from America and Europe. The answer will be sent probably next week in the form of a joint note to all the neutral nations.



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Short Pithy Speeches and Good Songs

Call at the Conservative Rooms, 1208 Government Street, and find out where you vote.

BOMBARDMENT LESS VIOLENT

German Artillery at Verdun Reported to Be Firing Fewer Shells—Entrenching on the Slopes of Pepper Hill.

GUNS ARE ACTIVE AT OTHER POINTS

Germans Claim Successes in Woevre and Lorraine Regions—British Bring Down Three Enemy Aeroplanes.

PARIS, Feb. 29.—The official communication issued by the War Office tonight reads:

"Between Soissons and Rheims our artillery bombarded important points behind the enemy's front.

"In Champagne our batteries shattered German organizations in the region of Hill 193. To the west of Maisons de Champagne the Germans exploded a mine, the crater of which we occupied.

"In the region of Verdun the bombardment continued on the north front with less intensity than on the preceding days. No infantry action was reported in the course of the day. The Germans have entrenched themselves on the slopes north of the Cote du Poivre, the first ridge of which is occupied by our advanced guards.

"We carried on a violent fire on Samogneux, where an enemy battalion had assembled.

"At various points on our front in the Woevre our artillery fire prevented attacks in the course of preparation from being carried out.

"In the Vosges there has been great artillery activity in the region of Senones and the Ban de Sapt. To the east of Seppois a counter-attack by us drove the enemy from sections of trenches which he had penetrated during the morning."

Small German Advances

The afternoon statement said:

"North of Verdun the bombardment has continued with increased intensity.

"In the sector east of the Meuse last night there was a resumption of the previous local attacks, particularly in the vicinity of the village of Douaumont, where the fighting came to hand-to-hand encounters, resulting in the driving back of the enemy by our troops.

"In the Woevre district the Germans were successful, after an intense preparatory artillery fire, in gaining possession of the village of Manheulles. An immediate counter-attack on our part brought us back to the western boundary of this village, which we now hold under our fire.

"In Lorraine the Germans were successful in penetrating several small sections of our advance trenches, but they were almost immediately driven out of these positions."

Manheulles is about twelve miles southwest of Verdun.

Three Aeroplanes Brought Down

LONDON, Feb. 29.—The British official communication dealing with the fighting along the British lines on the continent, made public tonight, says:

"Today our artillery bombarded enemy trenches about Ouvillers Authuile and Fromelles. There has been considerable artillery fighting on both sides about Ypres.

"This morning a German aeroplane of the Albatross type was brought down south of Merville, behind our lines. Another hostile aeroplane turned completely over, burst into flames and fell behind the German lines in the vicinity of La Bassee.

"This afternoon a German captive balloon broke loose and drifted northward at a great height, passing over our lines east of Bethune.

"Flight Lieut. Sims today (Tuesday) attacked an enemy aeroplane which fell in flames a short distance in front of the Belgian lines, the combat and its result being in full view of the Belgian troops in the trenches."

Balloons Break Loose

PARIS, Feb. 29.—The Belgian official communication received here today, says:

"Greater activity has been displayed by the artillery, especially in the region of Dixmude. In the afternoon two German balloons before our front broke from their moorings and fell, one into the sea opposite La Pane and the other near Coudekerque. The aeronauts were made prisoners."

Berlin Report

BERLIN, Feb. 29.—Progress by the Germans in their drive toward Verdun was announced by the War Office today. The Germans have passed Dieppe, Abaucourt and Blanzee, and also have taken Manheulles and Champlon.

The War Office also announces that a small armored work northwest of Douamont has been stormed by the Germans.

The official announcement gives the total of unwounded prisoners taken as 16,575. There have been captured also 78 cannon and 86 machine guns.

BRITISH PENSIONS

Government Now Paying at Rate of $7,500,000 per Year—May Reach Five Times That Amount

LONDON, Feb. 29.—The military pensions that the Government is now paying reach £1,500,000 annually. This announcement was made in the House of Lords today by Baron Newton, who said it was calculated that the amount could easily rise to £7,500,000 if the war lasted until the end of March, 1917.

About one-third of the men discharged were not pensioned, Baron Newton, continued, but if all of them were pensioned, the annual charge would be £2,500,000, and would probably rise to over £11,000,000 by the end of March, 1917.

Announces Government's Stand on Prohibition

Premier Bowser Says Bill Embodying Best Features of Prohibitory Legislation Will Be Passed at Session and, if Ratified by Majority Vote of the People, Will Automatically Become Law on January 1, 1917.

Definite announcement of the immediate preparation of an act, in the drafting of which the representatives of the prohibition interests will be given a share, the measure to be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature and advanced to its third reading and then submitted at the forthcoming Provincial election, was the announcement made by Premier Bowser to a large deputation of the People's Prohibition Party yesterday afternoon. The announcement followed a lengthy conference in the morning between the Prohibition deputation and the Executive Council of the Government. The method proposed to be followed by the Government was hailed with delight by the deputation, a delight expressed in the three rousing cheers which were given for Premier Bowser. The mutual expressions of satisfaction afterwards heard as the deputation left the executive chambers indicated in forcible manner the appreciation of the Premier's policy.

Briefly, the Act will incorporate the best features of existing prohibitory legislation in Alberta, Manitoba and elsewhere. It will contain a section stating that it will come into operation after the people have approved of it and, if approved, will become effective on January 1 next. The majority vote of the electors will prevail, and if a voter, when registering his vote for his candidate does not take sufficient interest to vote on the measure, his vote will not be considered at all. In contrast to this proposal was the vote taken on the local option plebiscite, when all those not voting on the local option ticket but voting for the election of candidates were counted in the grand total as against the measure.

Stringent Amendments

But in addition to the new measure to be placed before the people Premier Bowser was emphatic in his declaration that stringent amendments to the existing Liquor Act will be passed at the forthcoming session, especially in respect to closing hours, etc. These amendments will be effective during the duration of the war. If the new Act is approved by the electors, it will, on January 1 next, supersede the existing Act and what amendments may be made thereto.

Mr. Jonathan Rogers, who headed the deputation, enthusiastically thanked Premier Bowser for his statement. He said: "I would like to express our appreciation of the very full manner in which you have met our representations. I do not think you could meet our wishes better than you have. There are Liberals in this room and I venture to speak for all when I say that you could not be more favorable. I have every confidence your Act will be of the high standard of your other Acts, and that it will be enforced. We will be only too pleased to give you whatever assistance we can in the preparation of the measure and welcome your offer to permit us to do so."

Mr. Gibson declared he was satisfied Premier Bowser spoke with all sincerity, and confident that the promise made would be carried out to the letter.

Mr. D. S. Curtis' call for three cheers for Premier Bowser got a most enthusiastic response, and the singing of the National Anthem concluded a memorable conference.

PEOPLE ARE TO DECIDE POLICY

Bill Embodying Views of Prohibitionists Will Be Voted Upon at Time Provincial Election Is Held.

Replying yesterday to a delegation representative of the People's Prohibition party, Hon. W. J. Bowser said:

"Mr. President and Gentlemen,—I will try and give you the decision of the Executive Council as clearly and in as explicit a way as possible, without any added phraseology, so that we may all have a common understanding of the decision that we have arrived at. I think that you will find, after hearing the decision of the executive, that the new Government's course has been a consistent one since we took office on the 15th of December last, although we may not have met the views of the ardent prohibitionists as quickly as they would have liked and who, perhaps, have not been as patient with the Government as we think they should have been, considering the conditions surrounding the whole question, and particularly on account of my absence from the City of Victoria.

"The suggestions which you make in reference to referring an act known as the Alberta Act, or along the terms of the Alberta Act, is not, of course, as you know, in accordance with the policy of the Conservative party; that is to say, we have not yet been educated up to the point that we are in favor of direct legislation. Some of the Eastern Provinces have followed that practice, which, I think, originated principally in the United States to the south of the boundary line, and the Liberal party in this Province is now about to follow the practice of direct legislation. We, as Conservatives, have not yet come to that conclusion, that it is the proper way to undertake the responsibilities of a Cabinet or of the Legislative Assembly. We think that, to a certain extent, would do away with responsible Government, and that in very many cases it would lead to the referring to the people of very many questions which they might afterwards find unnecessary.

"I do not say that in the case of prohibition, perhaps—the question being a larger one—that it might not be argued we could make an exception, but in order, as a new leader of the party, to keep inviolate the principles of the Conservative party as we now have them, I think perhaps a compromise course might be met with in this case without our actually meeting your suggestion that we make a reference in the way spoken of by you. Now, I do not, on the other hand, think that the Government should be asked to necessarily refer an act on the basis of the Alberta Act, or the Saskatchewan Act, or any other act.

Will Draft Act

"But I think what can be done is that the Government could draft an act, with the assistance of yourselves or your committee, which might not necessarily be an Alberta Act or a Saskatchewan Act, but might be a Hugh John Macdonald Act for instance. I don't say that it would be, but the fact of it being a Hugh John Macdonald Act would be palatable, of course, to many of the Conservatives. But it seems to me that the Government ought not to drop away from its policy. The idea of the Government would be to draft an act in my department, in order to bring your views before the people, and we will be glad to have your committee or your solicitors consult with our departmental solicitor, in order to have the very best possible act in reference to prohibition drafted, and which would be left to the electors of this Province to decide upon.

"I do not think that I can put it any clearer than that. You saw my Liquor Act, which I take some personal credit for and which was known as the Bowser Act locally, and I do not see why we should not have a liquor act perhaps better than the Saskatchewan Act—I do not know whether better than the Alberta Act or perhaps better than the H. J. Macdonald Act—but have an act that might be termed the Bowser act, which we can agree upon, and that act will be submitted to the people.

"Now we want, of course, to place before the people in this act your views, and it will be for the people to decide whether they will have prohibition in this Province or not.

"It is the decision of the Government, as early as possible, to place this act containing your views before the House, which begins on Thursday, and have it carried to its third reading this session, and there will be a section in the act which states that it will come into operation after the people have approved of it. This act will come into force on the first of January next. There is one advantage about that, that it does not make any difference what happens in the general election—which, of necessity, takes place this Summer—which party is returned, whether Conservative or Liberal. No session could be held before the first of January, after the people approve of the act that we pass this session, and without any reference to what the color of the next House may be, this act will become law if carried by the people before the next session. This will also meet your

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MAJOR ASSELIN'S APPEAL

Speech at Meeting in St. Jerome in Interest of 163rd Battalion—Asks for Recruits

MONTREAL, Feb. 29.—"French Canadians have done and heard too much talking already about their part in the war. It is now time for them to talk of action," said Major Oliver Asselin, who is recruiting the 163rd Battalion, in an address at a big patriotic rally at St. Jerome on Sunday evening. He continued:

"As founder of the Nationalist party I consider it strange that so many men will stand up and talk, telling others to enlist, but will not go themselves. I did not ask a man to enlist until I had myself put on the uniform.

"Whatever may be said about the Nationalist theory that it is optional with Canada whether or not she participated in this war, I consider it a shame that so many men should take shelter behind the Nationalist party, men whose only fear is that they may be called on to go to the front. It behooves French Canadians to come forward at once and give their services to help rescue stricken Belgium, as well as to defend the soil of that land which is the only source of Latin culture in Canada."

The meeting was one of the largest and most enthusiastic which the 163rd have held, and Major Asselin's address was heartily applauded.

The men of the 163rd have volunteered to donate one cent a day each out of their pay to the 163rd Regiment of the Line in the French army, a sum which will amount to over $300 a month when the battalion is up to strength. The idea is to form a link between the French soldiers of Canada and those of the old land.

PROGRESS IS AIM OF PARTY

Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt Points to Results of Government's Financial Policies — Interested in Aid to Shipbuilding.

Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt, Conservative candidate in the present bye-election campaign was given a most gratifying reception at the old Victoria Theatre last night, when a large audience heard him deal fully with the issues before the electors. His remarks dealt wholly with the progressive policies which the Government has enunciated, especially the shipbuilding proposal and the Agricultural Credits Act, both measures which will inaugurate a new era in the industrial and agricultural development of the Province.

Following his practice, his speech was constructive in spirit, and was marked by an entire absence of those personalities in which his opponents appear to delight. It was a business talk by a business man and strictly to the point.

Mr. Flumerfelt was roundly applauded when he stated that he had within the past ten days been in receipt of numerous applications from financial concerns who are anxious to float the bonds to be issued under the Agricultural Credits Act, some of them desiring options, but in view of the good prices offered, prices which were better than those secured last year by the Government on its refunding bonds, no options would be granted.

In connection with the Province's shipbuilding proposal to assist which British Columbia would advance $2,000,000, Mr. Flumerfelt stated that Eastern manufacturing concerns, especially the big millers, are keenly interested, and have informed him that once such a scheme is launched, the advent of the milling companies to this Province will follow.

Mr. H. B. Thomson, M. P. P., occupied the chair in a most acceptable manner, and, in addition, spoke on pertinent topics. Other speakers were Mr. Neil McKay, M. P. P., Mr. Alex. Lucas, M. P. P., and Mr. W. Blakemore. On the platform were a large number of prominent Conservatives. The theatre was well filled.

BERLIN CORRESPONDENTS

Views of Verdun Conflict From German Side—Destructive Effect of Artillery Fire

BERLIN, Feb. 29.—The correspondents of Berlin newspapers who were permitted on Sunday to visit the ground gained by the Germans in the Verdun conflict, describe the effect of German artillery fire on the village of Haumont as having left a unique picture of fantastic destruction. The same was true of Brabant.

The correspondents say that the French field artillery was so overwhelmed by the German guns that it was frequently unable to make itself dangerous. The French long range guns were doing their best to keep Fort Douaumont smothered in a rain of shells, after five attempts by the French to recapture it had failed. The city of Verdun had suffered little. The fires that had broken out a few days previously had all been extinguished except a big blaze in the western end of the village. Villages between Fort Douaumont and Verdun were burning fiercely.

The Tagliche Rundschau's correspondent declares that the weakness of the artillery fire from the Verdun forts was astonishing.

WILL CONSTRUCT SIX VESSELS

Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Co. to Resume Operations and Take Advantage of Shipbuilding Guarantee.

LOCAL INDUSTRIES TO RECEIVE IMPETUS

Government's Aid Is Characterized by Official Liquidator as Most Opportune and Wisest Imaginable Policy.

The Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Co., Ltd., one of the largest industrial establishments of Victoria, having, under normal conditions, a turn over of between $5,000,000 and $6,000,000 worth of stock a year, and a monthly pay roll of between $20,000 and $25,000, is about to resume operations. The work of reorganizing the company, which went into liquidation on May 14, 1914, has been in the hands of Mr. Fred. W. Shibley, of New York, and other prominent shareholders for months, but not until the Provincial Government announced its policy of extending financial aid to shipbuilding was it possible to reach a definite understanding guaranteeing the early opening of the local mills, the re-establishment of the camps at timber limits near Jordan River, and the construction of a logging railway from Sooke Harbor to the West Coast properties.

"I consider," said Mr. Shibley yesterday, "that the Government's policy in respect to shipbuilding is the most opportune and the wisest imaginable. The possibilities of the timber industry at present are, without exaggeration, astounding. Besides the domestic market, by which I mean that to be found in Canada and chiefly throughout the Prairies, we have China, South Africa, Australia, the United Kingdom, France and the Eastern United States, crying out for lumber. They are keen in all these countries to get the product of this Province, and it is most exasperating that we have had to mark time, with others hungry for that of which we have plenty, simply because there has not been a ship of any kind or description available to furnish transportation.

Seized the Opportunity

"As soon as the Provincial Government made it known that it was prepared to assist the dormant industries of British Columbia by helping to secure vessels, I made it known to my associates in New York. I had a telegram in reply advising me to come to an agreement with the administration for the construction of six vessels, each with a carrying capacity of between 1,250,000 and 1,500,000 feet, and equipped with an auxiliary gas engine, on the basis of our providing 25 per cent of the cost and the Government the remainder. After consultation with the authorities I informed those interested in New York that the administration would extend us aid only to the extent of 50 per cent of the cost and, although we thought it was scarcely enough, I have authority to close on these terms. This has been done. Five of these ships will be associated with the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Co., and the other with the Cameron Lumber Co., in which firm our shareholders hold 50 per cent of the stock. Thus two important local industries, as a result of the Government's patriotic and far-sighted policy, will receive such an impetus as will permit them to reopen trade relations with the markets of the world.

"The plan of reorganizing our company," Mr. Shibley continued, "provides for the raising of $600,000 new cash to be used in the purchase and construction of a logging railroad from Sooke harbor into the timber limits at Jordan River, for the rehabilitation of the Victoria sawmill and for the cash requirements for the company's operation. The money needed to carry out the shipbuilding programme will be in addition to this amount."

Aid Most Opportune

Mr. Shibley went on to say that, had it not been for the Government's timely aid, it would have been impossible to have entered into business on a scale commensurate with the possibilities of the industry for at least three years. But now there would be no delay. He was going to New York immediately to discuss and arrange the details with his conferes. Respecting the railroad, he explained that, while for the present it would extend only as far as the timber limits, it was not proposed that it would stop there. The intention was to carry it on as far as Barkley Sound for the express purpose of opening up the exceedingly valuable timber districts of that section of Vancouver Island. Thus the owners of limits beyond those of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Co. would be given the facilities for the development of their holdings, and the road, its promoters were confident, would prove a paying investment. This project, too, would have remained a vision of the future had it not been for the fact that the administration had furnished just the stimulus which those

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FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Colonist, March 1, 1866)

Police Force—The reduction in the police force was made yesterday, in accordance with the vote of the House of Assembly. Mr. Hankin is [illegible] Mr. Welch, sergeant, and Wilmer, Blake and Purvell, policemen.

[illegible] Road Commissioners—We understand that His Excellency has [illegible] the appointments of Messrs. Tidwell, Truman and Fisher, the [illegible] road commissioners, against whom the inhabitants recently petitioned.

The Steamer Marten—We understand that Capt. Hamilton Moffatt, of the Hudson's Bay Company, is to have the command of the Company's steamer now building on Shuswap Lake.

For Freight or Charter—The A. 1 clipper ship [illegible], 562 tons register, James Craigie, commander, is offered for freight or charter, application to be made to Mr. Henry Nathan, Wharf Street.

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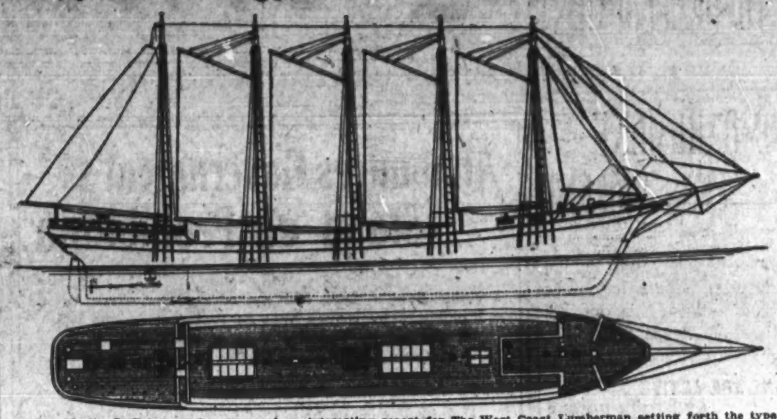
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Proposed Type of Lumber Schooner



Mr. Martin C. Erismann has prepared an interesting report for The West Coast Lumberman setting forth the type of boat he believes would prove a valuable aid in building up the lumber export business and advising mill ownership or control of such craft. The length of the proposed schooners is 225 feet, beam 42 ft. 6 in., depth 18 ft., gross tonnage about 1,250, speed loaded under power 7 knots, lumber capacity 1,000,000 feet, auxiliary power two 160 horsepower oil engines. In concluding his report, Mr. Erismann says:

"The schooner conforms to the general practice of the Pacific Coast for vessels in the lumber trade, with such improvements as experience dictates, such as the addition of auxiliary machinery. Expense has been saved in rigging and the simplest sail spread has been provided for, which would be entirely handled from the deck. The crew, which will be berthed forward, will consist of eight seamen. In the poop will be housed the officers and engineers. The speed of the vessel under sail will be in a fresh breeze about eight knots and in lighter airs, with her engine, she will be able to maintain a very fair schedule. The charges as they appear in the estimate below may vary somewhat, but not enough to raise the price per 1,000 feet of lumber very considerably over that estimated, which is, to say the least, a low rate of freight for the distance, and in view of the present freight rates to New York, is an adequate answer to this particular problem of the lumber industry."

Cost of ship complete (wood construction)	$ 85,000	
Machinery installation	19,000	
All auxiliary installations	18,000	
Cost complete	$122,000	
Design, contracts, supervision at 5 per cent	6,100	
Cost of Operating		
Crew—Captain	$125 per month	
First mate	90 per month	
Second mate	75 per month	
Cook	50 per month	
Cabin boy	20 per month	
Eight sailors at $30	240 per month	
Chief engineer	100 per month	
Assistant	75 per month	
	$775 × 12	$ 9,300
Food at 68c per man, 15 men for 1 year		2,723
		$12,023
Fuel and lubricant per hour	$ .297	
Fuel and lubricant, 24 hours	7.13	
Operating cost per day, 2 engines	14.36	
Operating cost per year	5,204.80	
Engine supplies	200.00	$ 5,404.80
Taxes at ½ per cent		400.00
Depreciation, 5 per cent		6,100.00
Insurance, 7 per cent		$ 8,540.00
Liability, 1¼ per cent		1,830.00
Upkeep and repairs		5,000.00
Total expense per year		$40,437.80
Operating cost per day (ship and engine)		110.85
Operating cost engine per day		14.36
Operating ship only per day		$ 96.49
To New York With Lumber		
Loading time, 100,000 ft. per day		15 days
Expense of ship loading 15 days at—		
Captain, mate, engineer, cook	$12.00	
Food	2.72	
Fixed charges per day	60.47	
	$75.19 × 15 days	$ 1,107.85
Loading, at 85c per M.B.F. of lumber		1,275.00
Canal charges, $1.20 per net ton		1,356.00
Pilotage, canal		22.00
15 days engines	$ 354.66	
36 days ship	3,460.34	$3,797.53
Unloading New York, 15 days × $6.00		1,456.35
Unloading, stevedores		1,275.00
		$10,217.73
Laid down New York per M.B.F.		$6.81

WILL CONSTRUCT SIX VESSELS

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in the timber business so much required.

"It was to be remembered," Mr. Shibley explained, "that there are four things necessary for the successful prosecution of the timber trade. First came the timber, then the mill; third, transportation, and fourth, the market. British Columbia possessed the first two, and that there were plenty of markets could not be questioned by any observer. And yet for years the lumber business in British Columbia had been depressed. Mills had exhausted their current assets trying to keep clear of their obligations, to pay their taxes, their licence fees and interest on their indebtedness, and now, practically, had reached the end of their resources. Consequently the Government had realized that it must lift the industry over the present dead centre, and, once set on its feet, it was sure to be successful with the present world-wide demand for lumber.

Transportation Essential

Transportation had to be obtained or the mills of British Columbia could not be opened. Their estimated output was 2,000,000,000 feet a year and the domestic market, at the outside, could take care only of 1,000,000,000 feet. This meant that, without ships, the plants could be operated only on half time. In spite of the fact that all the lumber that could be manufactured in British Columbia was wanted in different parts of the world.

In order to live the lumber manufacturers had to be put in a position of having, within themselves, the means of transportation. In the past the ship owners had held them up and particularly was this the case since the beginning of the war. Those owning vessels literally had "bled" the companies having lumber to export. A striking illustration of this was to be found in the fact that lumber was worth in South Africa $70 a thousand and $57 of that sum was used to transport it to that country. From this, Mr. Shibley argued, that the only way in which a mill could be put on a basis to make a successful bid for the "offshore" trade was to give it ships of its own, so that it might be absolutely independent of the outside ship owner. That was what is was intended to do with the C. P. S. L. Co., thanks to the Government's policy, and he was sure that it would be adopted by other lumber companies which had been put in the same position as his firm.

To Build New Ships

In the course of his statement Mr. Shibley said:

"Following up the announcement of the policy of the Government I recommended to my associates that they accept the Government's proposition, and I am returning to New York at once to organize a company in the interests of the C. P. S. L. Co., to take advantage of the Government's offer and build, without delay, five wooden schooners such as may be agreed upon with the Government and the sixth vessel I have mentioned is for the Cameron Lumber Company. I am confident that by the time the proper legislation has been passed the money will be available to meet the terms of the administration so that the construction of the ships may be started immediately and be ready coincident with the completion of the company's reorganization.

"Unless transportation is provided this company will be unable to open its mills until ships are procurable in the open market, and I do not believe that this can be done within three years, as it is the general opinion that tonnage will be very scarce for a long time after the war. If, however, an arrangement can be made with the Government along the lines of its own announcement the reorganization of the C. P. S. L. Co. can be effected within the present year and these mills started up with ample capital to insure their successful operation."

The C. P. S. L. Co., Mr. Shibley stated, had 54,000 acres of timber lands under licence or Crown agent, the greater portion of which property was situated in the vicinity of Jordan River, 24 miles north of Victoria. Its saw mill, located in Victoria, had an output capacity of 50,000,000 feet a year. Its gross income, under normal conditions, would amount to between $5,000,000 and $6,000,000 annually, exclusive of $1,500,000 realized from the sale of logs. Of this sum its pay roll alone, not taking into consideration the innumerable other expenditures which the maintenance of such an industry entailed, totalled between $30,000 and $35,000 monthly. In standing timber it was conservatively estimated that it had 3,000,000,000 feet, enough to keep its plant working full blast for 60 years. This timber, Mr. Shibley declared enthusiastically, was of the highest quality. It was better than the standard qualities of the British Columbia forest, the fir being the old soft yellow fir for which the demand was great throughout the world.

Will Help All Mills

With the Government's aid the development of this and other immense assets was facilitated. It would go ahead without loss of time. Not only could the C. P. S. L. Co., and the Cameron Lumber Co., be depended on to take action, but the majority of the others would follow suit. The results could not be estimated. Men would be given employment, capital would flow into the country, the workingman would be able to make his home comfortable, cities would be in a position to pay their indebtedness—in short the effect would be felt, not only by the Province as a whole, but by every community and every individual. Just one instance of the outlook was to be found in the fact that the Russian Government was peddling at the present time a contract for 15,000,000 feet of ties with no takers, because no one was in a position to accept the business. That work alone would take the company—C. P. S. L. Co.—with all its resources in timber and plant, two years to complete.

And it was to be borne in mind, Mr. Shibley observed, that what the Government proposed was very little in comparison with the results in prospect. It had cast iron security for every cent of its investment. If a ship cost $150,000 it would advance $75,000, on which it would be guaranteed interest at 5 per cent for five years. It also had a first mortgage on the vessel. The company, in addition, was required to set aside each year a sinking fund of $15,000, or enough to repay the Government's aid at the end of five years. What more, he asked, could be desired? The country, in a word, was taking a common sense method of advancing its own interests, merely lending support to an industry which was badly in need of encouragement and which would repay the interest thus displayed in its welfare a thousandfold.

Company Reorganization

In a statement regarding the latter history of the C. P. S. L. Co., Mr. Shibley said:

"With the falling off of the prairie trade, there being no available markets where lumber could be sold profitably, the company was forced into liquidation. In May, 1915, there was a meeting of a committee of the shareholders at which were present Messrs. Charles H. Bender, vice-president of the Grand Rapids National City Bank, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mr. Orin B. Taylor, Detroit, Mich., and myself. There had previously been an exhaustive examination of the property, experts having been employed to advise as to the value of the timber and the cheapest methods of putting the logs into the water. In their report to the shareholders the committee, after making a drastic cut in the book values of all assets, found that an equity existed over and above all debts of about $1,400,000, and recommended to the shareholders that, as in normal times this equity was worth much in excess of this amount, it was worth saving.

"Steps at once were taken by this committee, after coming to a verbal agreement with the bondholders, looktowards a comprehensive reorganization of the property with the idea that the new company, when reorganized, should be a self-contained property. By this it was meant that it should control its own stumpage and operate its own mills as well as controlling its own transportation to off-shore markets and establish a system of distribution for its output with a special reference to the Atlantic Coast markets of the United States.

"While this plan of reorganization was being prepared an effort was made to secure an option on the property for six months which, if granted by the court, would have upset the plans of reorganization being made by the committee because the results of such an option would have made no provision for the shareholders, even if successful, and it is doubtful whether the property could have been sold under the present conditions. Certain large shareholders, therefore, decided to make an offer to all sundry creditors, with the exception of certain interests favorable to the plan of reorganization, of fifty cents on the dollar in purchase of their claims, so that the property could be held together while the committee was preparing its plan and providing its transportation."

Possible Disaster Avoided

This, in general terms, is what immediately preceded the announcement by the Government that it would extend some help to firms in need of transportation facilities. The C.P.S.L. Co., in other words, was on the brink of a dissolution from which it would have taken years to recover, with a few of the larger shareholders laboring hard to avoid such a commercial disaster. The declaration of the policy of the administration immediately cleared the atmosphere and Mr. Shibley, the chairman of the committee, is able to return to New York with a proposal which he is assured will be endorsed by his associates and will mean the resumption of operations forthwith.

Mr. Shibley has been in Victoria since February 10, engaged in the effort to work out the company's salvation, and has made an arrangement with the sundry creditors for the purchase of their claims on the basis outlined.

It may be said, incidentally, that Mr. Shibley is the vice-president of the Canadian Society of New York, an organization with a membership of Canadians and ardent sympathisers with the Allies in their struggle for democracy. The society has been engaged ever since the outbreak of the conflict in raising funds for the care of the wives and families of those residents of the United States who have joined the armies of Great Britain.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, March 1.—Last midnight's casualty list reported eight men dead, nineteen wounded and four seriously ill. John McLeod Beaton, of Courtenay, B. C., is named as having died. The list follows:

2nd Battalion

(Wounded)

Pte. Wm. Ogden, Providence, R. I.

3rd Battalion

(Killed in Action)

Sgt. E. T. Lock, Toronto.

Pte. E. Lock, Compton, Que.

(Severely Wounded)

Pte. N. A. Gurnett, Toronto.

Lce.-Cpl. Bernard M. Andrews, Vancouver, B. C.

7th Battalion

(Wounded)

Pte. Thomas Stewart, Scotland.

8th Battalion

(Wounded)

Pte. John McLeod, Godrich, Ont.

11th Battalion

(Seriously Ill)

Pte. S. McNeill, Ireland.

13th Battalion

(Previously Reported Missing, Now Killed in Action)

Sgt. John Thompson, Montreal.

16th Battalion

(Died)

Pte. J. M. Beaton, Courtenay, B. C.

(Wounded)

Pte. R. E. Trainor, 78 Menzies Street, Victoria, B. C.

42nd Battalion

(Killed in Action)

Pte. C. C. Bartlett, Concord, N. H.

Pte. A. Charbonneau, Montreal.

(Seriously Wounded)

Pte. A. Dufour, Montreal.

(Wounded)

Pte. A. Roberge, Montmorency, Que.

Pte. Jean Rass, Montreal.

Pte. L. Hudon, Quebec.

24th Battalion

(Wounded)

Pte. E. T. Lloyd, Toronto.

Pte. K. Keith, Soo, Ont.

Pte. H. E. Smith, Picton, Ont.

(Severely Wounded)

Pte. Thomas Hunt, Montreal.

Pte. J. S. Osborne, Montreal.

30th Battalion

(Dangerously Ill)

Pte. D. E. Melanson, St. John, N. B.

49th Battalion

(Seriously Ill)

Pte. C. B. Reinhard, Edmonton.

50th Battalion

(Seriously Ill)

Pte. Allen Cripps, Chatham, N. B.

Princess Patricia's

(Killed in Action)

Cpt. J. E. Miller, Westmount, Que.

Royal Canadian Regiment

(Wounded)

Pte. A. F. Gibson, Newcastle, Ont.

1st C. M. R.

(Died of Wounds)

Pte. G. C. Bateman, Cowgate Camp, N. B.

4th C. M. R.

(Wounded)

Pte. John Clark, Galt, Ont.

6th Howitzer Brigade

(Wounded)

Pte. H. G. Forster, Caledonia, Ont.

TROOPS AT BORDEAUX

Travelers Report Assemblage of Fresh Allied Forces in Large Numbers to Meet Emergencies

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The Entente Allies have massed from 500,000 to 1,000,000 fresh troops at Bordeaux to be ready for emergencies, according to passengers who arrived here today from France on the steamer Rochambeau.

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POLICY LEADS TO DEVELOPMENT

Conservative Speakers Show How Proposed Constructive Measures Will Bring About Prosperity in Province.

In emphatic contradiction of the assertions of the Liberal critics to the effect that under the regime of the Conservative Government British Columbia's development had been neglected, Mr. Neil Mackay, at last night's Conservative gathering at the Old Victoria Theatre, quoted statistics to show the really wonderful growth in every line of natural development. He showed that in the ten years from 1902, when the McBride administration came into office, the value of agricultural products has increased 600 per cent, the yearly figures showing a persistent and remarkable growth over the preceding year. The Times and Mr. Brewster had taken a keen delight in deprecating the advance made by the Province. Would it not have been better if Mr. Brewster, when in the East, had spent his time boosting the potentialities of the Province and speaking a kind word for this section? He would then have been entitled to the merit of not only advancing the interests of British Columbia, but also of telling the truth.

Mr. Ralph Smith, Mr. Mackay stated, had been bewailing the fact that the mining industry had languished, that the Government had shown no desire to foster this most important branch of development. But what did the figures show? In 1903, the value of the output was $17,495,000; in 1910, $26,980,000; in 1912, $32,440,000; in 1914, the year of the outbreak of war, when conditions were greatly upset, $26,358,000; in 1915, $29,299,000, or an annual average of $25,000,000.

"Who got it?" cried a voice.

"The working man got a big share, the owners a good share, the merchants got their portion," retorted Mr. Mackay, who stated one company had distributed $9,000,000 in wages alone. The mining industry had, in fact, never been better, and he predicted that 1916 would show an even better production.

Lack of Tonnage

The output of the lumber mills had shown a falling off due, not to lack of orders, but to lack of shipping facilities. Premier Bowser has promised those facilities, the Government has now formulated its plan to that end and is ready to put it into execution. When that plan became law, as the speaker was certain it would, the lumber trade would increase as never before.

"The Times says the public accounts committee never met. That is absolutely false, like so many other statements in the same paper. The public accounts were referred every year to a committee of seven members, selected by the Premier and the leader of the Opposition, and the Liberals, when they had that many members in the House, usually had three members on that committee, but since the eclipse of the party it could not be represented, but that was hardly any fault of the Conservatives. The Liberals had never asked for a meeting of the committee that their request was not met. If, when Mr. Brewster was in the House, he did not ask for the meeting of the committee that was his fault. Mr. Cameron, when in the House, represented the Liberals on that committee. Mr. John Oliver was in the house five or six years, but neither he nor other of the Liberals ever made a request for a session of the public accounts committee that was not granted."

Mr. Mackay referred to the Dominion Trust Company a topic which appeared to afford the Liberals endless joy, especially in imputing to Premier Bowser practically every crime on the calendar. That concern, like many others organized under the Companies Act, had power to take deposits. The Dominion Trust Company secured power from the Federal Government to take over the Provincial charter. It did the same thing in the case of Saskatchewan, a Liberal administration, yet the Liberals here claimed such a step was illegal. It might be a matter of dispute as to whether, under the terms of the B. N. A. Act, the Province had authority to grant power to a company to take deposits but the point had never been decided, and until it was no one had the right to criticize the Provincial Government for its action in that regard. It was absurd to say that depositors placed their money with the company because it had been organized under Provincial legislation. They did so solely because the company was doing a good business and people thought it was safe. In 1905 three companies were incorporated in British Columbia with similar powers, but of the eighteen or nineteen members in the then Legislature not one made any objection. The Government in 1913 gave only what the Liberals in 1905 were quite willing to give. To blame the Government for the Dominion Trust's incorporation was to blame Mr. Brewster, who sat in 1905.

Liberal Majority

It was claimed that the Government gave the power to accept deposits because it desired to assist its friends. It was strange that three-fourths of the directors of the Dominion Trust Company were Liberals. Besides Arnold the people to blame for the company's difficulties were the auditors who examined the books and certified that the securities, etc., were on hand. It was not the Government which appointed manager, auditors, etc., but the directors. If the latter had done their duty, had supervised the operations of the concern, the people who trusted to their supervision would never have lost. Of the eleven British Columbia directors no less than nine were Liberals. It might be, perhaps, that had the Government known there was that great proportion of Liberals steps to more closely investigate the condition of the company would have been taken.

Mr. McKay urged the electors to consider the various issues strictly upon their merits. Next Saturday they would have an opportunity to select a finance minister whose business acumen, integrity and ability rendered him a worthy successor, as representative of Victoria, of Sir Richard McBride. There was never the time when Victoria had taken her inspiration from Vancouver, and just consideration of the needs of the city warranted the return of Mr. Flumerfelt by a very substantial majority.

Metropolis Tackles

Mr. H. B. Thomson, M. P. P. for Victoria, just returned from Rossland, told of the frantic efforts of the Liberals there to stampede the electors by their woeful tales of the financial despitude of the Province. A strong play had been made on the bonded indebtedness of the Province as something that was strangling progress and promised but the gloomiest of futures. The fact was the total debt of the Province, less sinking fund in the bank, was today slightly over $18,000,000. Perhaps to the average man in those stressful days, that looked like an enormous sum, but compared with the debts of other Provinces and cities of this Province, it was a mere bagatelle. If people become alarmed at British Columbia's debt how terrific must the city of Victoria be at this city's debt of $18,000,000; of Vancouver residents at their $35,000,000 debt. Vancouver, as the business centre of the Province, was not apparently viewing that burden with any misgivings. When the Liberals harp upon "that terrible debt which never can be paid," voters may well place it in the same category as German "frightfulness."

"We have heard of the vast alienation of public lands, a topic in which the Liberal prophets of blue ruin simply revel. They tell us there is no land left, because the Conservatives have dissipated the available area. What are the facts? Six per cent of the entire area of the Province, exclusive of the C. P. R. belt, has been deeded away; 4 per cent under lease or licence and 2 per cent under reserve, leaving 88 per cent in the hands of the Province—a pretty fair proportion. Prior to the recent railways being located the Government placed a reserve on lands in the vicinity of these roads and a large portion was surveyed, over 2,300,000 acres, providing a plot of 160 acres for pre-emption, or accommodation for 23,000 pre-emptions. These figures indicate the utter falsity of the attacks being made by the Opposition critics. Neither the Government nor any other agency can force people to go upon the land, but when the Liberals declare there has been no progress made, that development is declining rather than increasing, a study of the proved statistics as submitted by the previous speaker will show the truth."

Petty Spirited Critics

Mr. Thomson referred to the experiments in dry-farming undertaken by the Agricultural Department as indication of the possibilities of development of large areas which a few years ago were thought to be worthless. Much had been heard of the bond guarantees given by the Government, but the Liberals failed to mention that their friends in Alberta and Saskatchewan followed a similar policy and evidently with successful results. In that connection it had to be remembered, too, that British Columbia owned its lands and resources, while those Prairie Provinces do not. Nothing showed the petty spirit of those Government critics so much as their actual gloating over the fact that during the recent storms the line of the C. N. P. had been blocked. The same line of criticism was heard in the early days when the Conservatives put through the great C. P. R. line. It was a sample of the criticisms now being leveled against the Government, its pettiness placing it beneath notice of any man who has the welfare of the Province at heart and is possessed of even the faintest knowledge of the magnificent resources of the country and its inevitably prosperous future. It was unfortunate that by reason of the location of the Province it had not benefited as had the Eastern Provinces following from the enormous business consequent upon war orders. At present British Columbia did not possess the necessary transportation facilities to permit it to secure an adequate share of that business. In a great measure that lack is about to be remedied by the policy formulated by the Government, the shipbuilding programme of which, as announced, will place the transportation problem on a most satisfactory basis. The difficulties hitherto experienced by the Coast lumber concerns owing to lack of freights was known to every intelligent person. The plan proposed by the Government promised adequate relief. What had the Opposition to offer in that respect? Their leaders could say nothing. The Government, on the other hand, had come forward with a concrete proposition, and every man of business irrespective of party affiliations must admit that plan to be feasible, promised long-sought-for relief, and would undoubtedly be a most potent agency towards placing the business of the Province upon a sound basis. The Government's proposal meant quickened business, the free exchange of products in the markets of the world, the acceleration of local industries and the future prosperity of the Province. The proposal was the most businesslike one yet submitted to the people.

Agricultural Development

Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt expressed his gratification at the interest being shown by the ladies in the affairs of the Province. He dealt first with the agricultural situation, and with special reference to the Agricultural Credits Bill, expressing his gratification at being able to announce that upon the authority of the Hon. Mr. Bowser instructions have already been given looking towards the issuance of the proclamation necessary under the provisions of the bill. Owing to the financial conditions, this step had hitherto been delayed, but in December last he had been instructed to ascertain what steps could be taken to secure the money.

Hon. Mr. Flumerfelt explained the terms of the bill, which provided for the issuance of securities endorsed and guaranteed by the Government, in a sum or sums not exceeding $15,000,000, the finance department to be charged with the disposition of those securities and the resultant proceeds to be under the immediate charge of the Minister of Finance, and be disbursed by him from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Anyone desiring to develop land would, by right, obtain certain loans, subject to careful restrictions, and at favorable rates of interest. In view of the vast importance of the development of agriculture, the bill was, Mr. Flumerfelt believed, one of the most far-reaching and important of any heretofore brought forward by the Government. He quoted data to show the possibilities of agriculture in British Columbia, deplored the fact that millions' worth of products capable of being produced at home are imported, and drew the conclusion that the time was ripe for a comprehensive programme of development such as would be possible under the operation of the Act. The possibilities of the production of soft wheat were such that there was no reason why British Columbia should not compete with Washington and Oregon. In other lines of produce the same thing held good.

Mr. Flumerfelt pointed out that the development of the Province's resources opened up another most important question—that of transportation. He was assured that Japan would take $4,000,000 worth of lumber and $10,000,000 worth of pulp when British Columbia could deliver it. The shipbuilding plan advanced by the Government was no new one with him. He believed the scheme as worked out was absolutely feasible, and would prove a financial success. The opening up of markets would benefit every industry and open up such potential markets as the Russian, Oriental, Australian, all of which needed the products of British Columbia, and all of which would take all this Province could send abroad.

Pledged to Shipbuilding Aid

"I stand pledged to see this shipbuilding scheme carried through. By its operation we shall forever be relieved from the probable difficulties which may be encountered through railway guarantees."

Mr. Flumerfelt stated that as a result of the proposal of the Government great interest has been aroused in Eastern centres of industry, and the great milling concerns had informed him that so soon as British Columbia supplied shipping facilities, there will be no difficulty in securing all the milling facilities required.

Reverting to the Agricultural Credits Bill, Mr. Flumerfelt stated within the past ten days he had received many applications from financial concerns anxious to secure the bonds. Some of these firms asked for a twenty-four hour option, but he was averse to giving any such options. The price the Government could get—something he could not at present make public—was considerably better than that secured on the refunding bonds issued by the Government last year.

The reading by Hon. Mr. Flumerfelt of Premier Bowser's statement made yesterday afternoon to the deputation of the People's Prohibition Party relative to the proposed action to submit a bill to the electors on the question of prohibition created much enthusiasm.

"The Government proposes to have prohibition that will prohibit," declared Mr. Flumerfelt. "There will be no subterfuge, no joker, in that bill. It is the proper method to pursue in this democratic Province, and it is only proper that the Government should give the people an opportunity to express their wish without the danger of being misunderstood. This statement of Premier Bowser is making history."

Chain of Transportation

Mr. William Blakemore, replying to criticisms that British Columbia development was backward compared with other Provinces, asked on what ground it could be expected that the Province could keep up with its sisters. The Province was the last to enter Confederation; the latest to secure railway facilities, and while its natural resources were vast they were difficult to get at. Sir Richard McBride's policy of railway development first had been the correct one, a policy which the Liberals for years had advocated, though, when it was in course of execution, they criticised it. Mr. Flumerfelt had shown how it was proposed to forge the last link in the chain of transportation by the creation of a British Columbia marine. It was now settled that $2,000,000 would be spent by the Province and the only effect of the Federal Government's withholding assistance would be that the number of ships to be laid down would be reduced. The accusation has been made that the proposal was an attempt to debauch the electors. The speaker opined that the electors would be delighted to see a little more of that type of policy.

Once the shipbuilding industry were settled on a firm basis every business throughout the Province would experience the benefit. The contribution by the Government as an initial step would show private capital the possibilities.

Mr. Blakemore could see no reason why Victoria should refuse to return Mr. Flumerfelt, who was, he said, a candidate against whom not a word could be said, and whose business training would prove of vast value in connection with the proper carrying through of the financial affairs connected with the shipbuilding and Agricultural Credits loans.

Mr. Alexander Lucas, M.P.P., member for Yale, spoke at length on the Agricultural Credits Act, which was framed upon recommendations of the commission of which he was a member. He quoted census figures to show the growth of population, manufactures, investments, etc., and predicted that the new aid to the agriculturists under the terms fo a bill, the most liberal and modern of any in any country in the world, the future productiveness of the Province and its commercial prosperity would be assured. Every line of business had facilities for raising funds but the agricultural industry through common consent, was placed in the very forefront of a nation's requirements. The rural credit system provided was the very thing, the lack of which had hitherto hampered production. The success of such a bill was indicated by the results in New Zealand.

The meeting was terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

BRITAIN'S GREAT OUTLAY

Expenditure for Current Year Will Be Over $7,300,000,000—Credit Is Maintained Unimpaired

LONDON, Feb. 29.—Great Britain's personal national expenditure for the current year will reach a total of £1,500,000,000, according to a statement today by Mr. Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, addressing the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom. Great Britain, he said, had maintained her credit unimpaired throughout the war.

The Government, he said, was prepared to give assistance in developing foreign trade to insure that rivals, who were "Great Britain's bitter enemies," should not, as in the past, enjoy control of the foreign trade.

Sir Algernon Freeman Firth, President of the Association, moved that "the strength and safety of the nation lay in its ability to produce what is required from its soil and factories."

Colonel Hughes of Sheffield said the entire acreage of the country could not produce anything like the quantity of foodstuffs necessary to maintain the nation. An amendment was adopted substituting the word "Empire" for Nation" in the chairman's resolution.

Chased by Submarine

MARSEILLES, Feb. 29.—The voyage of the French steamer Duc d'Aumale, which reached this port yesterday, was marked by an exciting pursuit in the Mediterranean by a submarine. The vessel was able, after a long flight, to elude the submarine and continue to this port.

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The Government of British Columbia now offers a remedy so far as this coast is concerned, at least in part.

Elect Mr. Flumerfelt and endorse the programme and what happens?

Before a single ship is laid down, the lumber mills will start operating. The banks will be only too glad to finance them if assured they can market their product.

Before the mills begin, the logging camps will start work. On Vancouver Island alone, there will be 9,000 jobs to be filled in the woods and mills.

John Smith starts for the woods or the mill and the corner grocery knows that John will be able to meet his grocery bill at the end of the month. His credit is extended, and his family is again in comfort. The corner grocery benefits. The wholesale grocery in Victoria looks to supply those hundreds of men up-island with groceries. The hardware firms profit immediately. The butcher, the baker, each feel the improvement.

Think of what this means to the railways and the railroad men.

Can't you, Mr. Voter, see where this affects you? With everyone prosperous, what does this mean to you? Why oppose this programme for the sake of the vaudeville performance Mr. Brewster promises if elected.

Fourteen sailing schooners with auxiliary power are at present being laid down in the Pacific Coast states, to carry Pacific Coast lumber to market.

The smallest of these is 225 feet long; beam 43 ft. 6 in.; depth, 18 ft. of a gross tonnage 1,350. Its gross lumber capacity is 1,500,000 feet. Its auxiliary power is supplied by two 160 horse-power oil engines.

Each of these vessels can make two round trips a year from a Pacific Coast port to Liverpool.

Freight actually paid between Victoria and Liverpool was at the rate of 130s. per 1,000 feet of lumber, board measure, on a lumber cargo a little while ago when a ship was available. Today, shippers have offered 200s. per 1,000 feet, and no space was available. At this rate, a ship costing $160,000 would actually pay for herself in a year.

If five ships were laid down in April of this year, they would be available at the latest in four months. Think of the work at standard wages for the hundreds of carpenters in this city which would be afforded. Think what this pay roll alone would mean in these transition months.

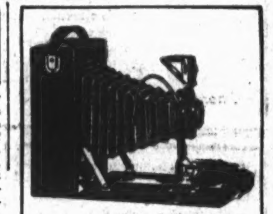
Can we afford to lag behind and see the Pacific Coast ports forge ahead in this lumber carrying business? What is it that has made Great Britain the richest nation in the world today? What is it that has made her capable of financing the Allies in the great world war? Her supremacy is based upon the fact that she is the world's great carrier. Three-quarters of the total tonnage of exports from all the other nations of the world pays toll to Britain for water carriage.

Why should not the future prosperity of British Columbia come in the same way? Lay the foundations of this now.

A vote for Mr. Flumerfelt is a vote for this policy, and brings the programme that much nearer to accomplishment.

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SHIPBUILDING

The Colonist was the first newspaper in British Columbia to advocate Provincial aid to shipbuilding. It did this at a time when no minister of the Crown had declared his views or those of his colleagues on the subject. It did not know how its course would commend itself to the Government of the day, which was that of Sir Richard McBride. It only knew that such a line of action was necessary in the best interests of this Province and it was resolved to leave nothing undone on its part to induce the Government to take up the policy which it advocated. Therefore, it was more than gratified when Premier Bowser declared this to be a part of his programme, and it was a matter of profound satisfaction to it to be able to outline yesterday the method which the Government had determined to adopt and that within a very few days legislation would be introduced in the Legislative Assembly to carry it into effect. In this matter as in many others The Colonist has been foremost in its labors for what it deemed to the advantage of this city and this Province, and it challenges comparison with what has been done along the same lines by any of those speakers or writers who devote their petty wits and their flabby sarcasm to attacks upon it.

Great as will be the immediate benefit to the community of the inauguration of shipbuilding, vast as will be the beneficial results of a revival of the lumber trade and the participation by British Columbia in supplying the demands of the world, a greater benefit even than these will flow from the policy of the Government. British Columbia, and notably Vancouver Island, occupy in relation to the greatest of the oceans the same position as the United Kingdom occupies in respect to the Atlantic. The beginning of shipbuilding here, the initial step towards making this a ship-owning community will be the beginning of a line of activity that will influence its future for all time to come. The theme is one upon which much might be said, but perhaps this is not the time to say it. It will bear frequent reference not only now, when the electorate of Victoria is asked to ratify the action of the Government, but later when it can be discussed apart from politics. At present we shall be content with saying that what the Government proposes is the first step in what will be a revolution in the relations of this Province to the world of sea-borne commerce.

What will it mean to have this become a shipbuilding community? At first, and we believe, always, it will mean that wooden ships will be built here. Let no one be deceived by the statements of half-informed people who say the day of wooden ships has passed. It has not passed, and it never will pass; but, granting that in the long run vessels of iron or steel will be in the greater demand, where is there a place where nature has stored the raw materials for such vessels more lavishly than here? Nothing will lead to the development of our great deposits of iron ore more quickly than the introduction of shipbuilding. The commerce of the Pacific Ocean will not always send to the Clyde or elsewhere in Europe for bottoms, when the materials out of which they can be built lie unutilized on the shores of the ocean on which the ships will sail.

Shipbuilding will give the enterprise of the people a new direction. Hitherto, in a public way, we have been occupied with the provision of avenues of commerce on land and with the provision of terminal facilities. We have not thought of how the merchandise brought to the terminals by the railways shall be carried to market or how return commerce shall be secured. It was time for some Government, Federal or Provincial, to take into consideration the water-borne commerce now existing or hereafter to be developed. A shipbuilding policy is the necessary complement of a land transportation policy. As private individuals, we have all thought too much of the adventitious prosperity to be derived from land sales to new-comers, or profits from public or other contracts. We have been as a community living from day to day, and have not been laying the foundations of a permanent business. This paper has often urged that the years when railway construction was occupying the attention of every one were only years of preparation. We have come to a time when we must as individuals turn our attention more to realization. Shipbuilding and agriculture are the means whereby this realization can be brought about.

It is essential, if the lumber industry of British Columbia is to be prosperous, that it shall be independent in the matter of freights. Our lumbermen have powerful competitors, competitors who can command abundant capital, and who have already combined to exclude, as far as they can the products of British Columbia mills from foreign markets. Our lumbermen must be put in a position to meet this competition, and this is one of the purposes of the Government policy of aid to shipbuilding.

The Government policy will attract the attention of the business world. It has already done so. Assurances have already been given that the banks will advance the $2,000,000 which the Government will guarantee whenever it is wanted. As it becomes more widely known what the Government proposes to do, the shipping world will be on the alert. Local capitalists will hasten to take advantage of the Government profit derived from the manufacture and taste of the profits derivable from well-managed ships they will become a favored investment. Then we will enjoy at home the earnings of the vessels which carry our products abroad, which means an addition of at least 30 per cent in times of peace and in times like the present very much more to the profit derived from the manufacture and sale abroad of our chief visible asset.

In view of the above and other considerations, are we not justified in asking the people of Victoria to testify by their votes their approval of the shipbuilding policy?

THE FIRST RESULT

The announcement of the Government shipbuilding policy has already had one conspicuous and most gratifying result. The statement set out on our first page this morning makes interesting reading, and it shows how prompt the business community is to respond to a practical policy on the part of the Government. The people of Victoria have for many months past been looking forward to the time when the great saw mills of the Puget Sound Company, formerly the Hayward mills, would resume operations permanently. That time is now very near at hand. Mr. Shibley, of New York, who has been employed by the bondholders of the owning company to bring about a reorganization of the concern, was able yesterday to come to an agreement with the creditors and others interested whereby all outstanding liabilities will be adjusted and the mill will be again placed in commission. This will involve the construction of a logging railway from Sooke to the timber lands of the company. The reorganization of the company will mean an outlay in Victoria of the handsome sum of $600,000, including the building of the railway.

What has happened in the case of this mill will take place in the case of other mills with such variations as their circumstances will make necessary. The public may depend upon it that the Government shipbuilding policy will mean more to the Province and to this city than any one can now foresee.

A CONTRAST

The Colonist contained yesterday morning reports of two meetings held in the city on the previous day, one by the Conservatives and the other by the Liberals. The contrast between what was said at the meetings was really remarkable. We do not know that we can put a little space to better use this morning than to emphasize this contrast.

At the Conservative meeting Mr. Flumerfelt was the principal speaker. He discussed ably the needs of the lumber trade, its opportunities and the means whereby the Government proposes to secure the tonnage so badly needed. He dealt with the importance and tremendous advantages to this Province of the development of commerce from Pacific Coast ports. He spoke of the obligations assumed by the Province on account of railway construction and of the steps that ought to be taken to prevent these contingent liabilities from ever becoming actual. He dealt with the promotion of agriculture and the means whereby the cost of living can be reduced. Throughout his whole speech there was not one word derogatory to his political opponents, not an expression calculated to create strife. It was a careful and business-like review of business conditions and an expression of opinion as to how their requirements could be most readily met. Mr. Harold Robertson followed Mr. Flumerfelt and dealt with the proposed Workmen's Compensation Act in the same spirit. Other speakers were Mr. Robert Cassidy and Mr. Alex. Lucas of Vancouver. The former spoke chiefly of the Vancouver election; the latter devoted himself to the Agricultural Credits Act. Throughout the whole meeting the speeches were upon a high plane, showing that the speakers appreciated that they were addressing intelligent auditors on matters of great public importance.

At the Liberal meeting Mr. Brewster was the principal speaker, and he was followed by Mr. Macdonald, member-elect from Vancouver. Mr. Brewster did say something about how he thought the land sold by the Crown and not fully paid for ought to be dealt with, and his remarks on this point only expressed what everybody, Government or Opposition, realizes must be done, for there is really no practical alternative. He also spoke of the great undeveloped resources of the Province, but most of his speech and practically all of Mr. Macdonald's were made up of vague insinuations and suggestions that somebody or other has not been honest.

The contrast between the two meetings in the subject matter of the speeches was very remarkable. Those at the Conservative meeting, and especially that of Mr. Flumerfelt, were devoted to the serious consideration of questions of great public importance. Those at the Liberal meeting were mere campaigning, and irresponsible campaigning at that.

FAVORABLY RECEIVED

The announcement of the Government plan for the promotion of shipbuilding was very favorably received by the public, who see in it the beginning of a very important industry. As is always to be expected, there were some among the opponents of the Government who were inclined to represent it as a mere election device, but such people were negligible in numbers. The great body of the public recalled that, upon taking office, as Premier, Mr. Bowser declared that one of the matters that would receive the immediate consideration of himself and his colleagues was how to establish the shipbuilding industry here so that tonnage might be provided to carry our lumber to the markets of the world. They also remembered that one of the first administrative steps taken by him was the appointment of a special committee of the Cabinet to devise a plan of action. These facts completely dispose of the suggestion that the plan determined upon is merely for election purposes.

In yesterday's Colonist there was an interview with Mr. Ness, who is interested in the British import of lumber, and he spoke in the strongest terms of the market that is ready to take British Columbia forest products. In this he only confirmed what has been within the knowledge of every person who has investigated the subject. The necessity of providing tonnage is no new thing. The Victoria Board of Trade was the first public body to move in the matter, and it was much encouraged in its efforts by Mr. Ross, Minister of Lands, who, in advance of all his colleagues in the McBride Ministry, realized that ships must be locally provided. In yesterday's Colonist was given a report of remarks by the Minister on this subject, and it must be a matter of great satisfaction to him that what he has been hoping for and working for during more than a year is on the point of realization. While the Opposition supporters have been occupying themselves for months past in inventing scandals and thinking up abusive statements to make against the members of the Provincial administration, the members both of the late and the present Ministry have been endeavoring to arrive at plans whereby the greatest of British Columbia's industries can be put upon a prosperous footing. It has taken some time to reach a conclusion as to the best method to adopt, but the opinion of all those whose views we have heard is that the plan announced by Mr. Flumerfelt on Monday night is a well-conceived and generous one, which ought to lead to immediate and highly beneficial results.

PROHIBITION

The reply made by Premier Bowser to the Prohibition delegation which waited on him yesterday was typical of the manly, straightforward stand which he has always taken on questions of vital public interest. We are glad to see that it is his intention that the question is to be kept out of party politics. The new Premier, at what was his first opportunity, following the time necessary to secure full information of the prohibitory acts that are in force elsewhere, has stated the Government's position. A bill, in drawing up the terms of which the People's Prohibition Party will be consulted, is to be put through its various stages at the forthcoming session and at the Provincial general election submitted to the people. If it is endorsed by a majority vote, it will become law on January 1, 1917.

The only vital point wherein he differs with the leaders of the Prohibition movement is his opposition to the application of direct legislation. In this we are quite in accord with him. Experimental methods of legislation borrowed from the United States will not appeal to British people whose constitution and laws have been the development of centuries. British methods are still good enough for British peoples.

A BETTER MARKET

One of the items in the programme enunciated by Mr. Bowser is the establishment of markets for the sale of produce. Details have not been given, but the idea is to afford every possible facility to the producer and consumer to get together and transact business on the most favorable terms. The Public Market in this city has proved very satisfactory, although there are undoubtedly points in which it can be improved. It will be a part of the agricultural policy of the Government to remedy all defects and facilitate in every way the transaction of business between farmers and their customers. This is not a very spectacular line of policy, but it is one that is likely to save householders a good deal of money during the run of the year. It will not only reduce the cost of living, but will make better living possible at the same cost. The success that has attended the city market is a guarantee that one conducted on broader lines and with the assistance of the Government will produce very excellent results.

AS TO HONESTY

Mr. Brewster evidently credits no one with sincerity, not even men with whom he has been associated all his life in Victoria. He warned the people at Monday night's meeting to be on the lookout for something of a fictitious nature to be sent from Ottawa on Friday night in regard to shipbuilding.

We have a question which we would like Mr. Brewster to answer at any time or place he may find convenient. He claims to be and has always been regarded as an honest man. What did he do with his honesty when he entered public life? If he says he yet maintains it, we shall not dispute the assertion, but when he has made this answer, we hope he will go further and answer these questions: Were Mr. Flumerfelt and Mr. Lorne Campbell regarded as honest men before December 15, and what does he suggest they have done with their honesty now that they have entered public life? Does Mr. Brewster distinguish between political and personal honesty? Has he the hardihood to suggest that Mr. Campbell will devise at Ottawa some false or misleading statement and send it to Victoria to be used by Mr. Flumerfelt for campaign purposes?

It is time to get down to plain English and for Mr. Brewster and those of his supporters who are throwing out their insinuations against the honesty of public men, to tell the people in so many words what they mean by it. Does Mr. Brewster, by whom and on whose behalf these insinuations are made, wish it to be understood that he really believes Messrs. Campbell and Flumerfelt will resort to tricks of falsehood and deception in order to carry the Victoria election? He either believes this or he does not. If he believes it, what right has he to expect the public to believe that he is any less dishonest? If he does not believe it, how can he, as an honest man, justify to his own conscience the course which he himself and his supporters are taking in this contest?

PLAIN FACTS

On December 15 Mr. Bowser formed his ministry. A day or two later he announced that a part of his policy was the promotion of shipbuilding. Almost immediately he appointed Messrs. Tisdall, Flumerfelt and Campbell a committee of the Cabinet to determine upon a line of action to which the assent of the House could be asked at the forthcoming session. As soon as Mr. Bowser returned to the capital and a meeting of the Cabinet could be held, the plan of the committee was approved and a public announcement of its nature was at once made.

Forthwith there came a howl from the Opposition ranks that the announcement is only intended to deceive. In other words, Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt is branded as a man who would come before his fellow-citizens and deliberately utter a falsehood. The Opposition cannot escape the position in which they have put themselves. Either Mr. Flumerfelt has told the truth or else he has suddenly changed from an upright and respected citizen to a man whom it would be base flattery to call dishonest. The public will believe Mr. Flumerfelt.

And now the cry is that the Government is not going to build ships. What sane man ever suggested that the Government should do anything of the kind? What right in law has the Government of the Province to build ships? What would the Opposition have said if the Government had announced that it was going to build ships? The truth is that the opponents of the Government have been knocked silly by the announcement of the shipbuilding policy. And whether or not Mr. Flumerfelt is elected, ships will be built, and that as speedily as human brains and hands can do so.

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MILITARY NOTES

"Which battalion was organized first, the 88th Victoria Fusiliers, or the 50th Gordon Highlanders?" asked a correspondent. The 88th was authorized on September 3, 1912, and the 50th on November 21, 1913.

Pte. Harry Wootton, who left Victoria with the 30th Battalion, and was severely wounded early in the war has been gazetted as a lieutenant in the Canadian Reserve Artillery, stationed at Shorncliffe, Eng. He has quite recovered. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wootton, 1242 Richardson Street.

The field manoeuvres which were to be held yesterday by the 67th Battalion, Western Scots, were postponed. The day was spent in independent company drill, and, in the afternoon, the greater part of the unit went on a route march.

The 103rd Battalion will give a concert at 7:30 o'clock, this evening, weather permitting, outside its recruiting office, Fort Street.

Among the soldiers recently transferred to England was Pte. Richard Simonds, of the C. F. A., who has been training at Niagara and Toronto. He is a son of Rev. James Simonds, formerly rector of Wellington.

Col. H. A. Mullins, inspector of supplies and transport on the staff of the inspector-general of Canadian Militia forces in Western Canada, left for Winnipeg on Monday, after spending about a fortnight here in an inspection of the Army Service Corps of the district.

WHO WROTE WORDS OF "BATTLING BANTAMS"?

Mystery as to Authorship of Popular Recruiting Song of the 143rd Battalion

Who wrote "The Song of the Battling Bantams"—the song which is making quite a hit as a marching song of the 143rd Battalion, the British Columbia Bantams, at the Pantages Theatre this week? The song is credited to one of the officers of the Battalion, but he disclaims the credit, saying that much as he would liked to have possessed the ability to write such a song, he cannot claim it. It is a mystery.

The song, which is sung to the air of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching," was introduced by Will J. Ward and his Five Piano Girls as a feature of their act at the local theatre and is received with great applause on every occasion. This much is known: It was written by a member of the Bantam Battalion, but the talented author has not come forward to claim the credit. Meanwhile, it is a mystery in the barracks of the Bantams at the Prince Rupert Hotel. From the smallest bugler to the C.O., all are endeavoring to solve the mystery which, like the mystery of the hansom cab, still remains unsolved.

Additional recruits were enrolled yesterday for the 143rd Battalion at the recruiting offices at the corner of View and Broad Street, and good reports were also received from the Vancouver, Nanaimo, and New Westminster recruiting offices and elsewhere. From far away Prince Albert, in Saskatchewan, an intending recruit wrote asking that a place be reserved for him as he is a fighting bantam.

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TPR. K. MALIM RECOVERING

Commanding Officer Speaks in High Terms of His Conduct After Being Wounded

According to letters received by friends, Tpr. Kenneth Malim, who left here with the 2nd C. M. R. and was wounded on December 2, has left the King George Hospital in London for the Canadian Convalescent Home in Kent, and has a good chance of permanent recovery.

His commanding officer speaks very highly of his conduct, for after being terribly wounded from shrapnel, his first thought was for those worse than himself, and he actually assisted to carry from the trenches other wounded, although suffering from wounds in the head that caused the doctors at the base hospital to give him up.

OPEN SESSIONS TODAY

Local Council of Women Will Hold Annual Meeting at Alexandra Club This Morning

At 10:15 oclock this morning, at the Alexandra Club Hall, Miss Crease, president of the Local Council of Women, will call to order the twenty-first annual meeting of that organization. There will be both a morning and afternoon session today, and the meeting will continue tomorrow, commencing at the same time.

It is expected that there will be representatives of some fifty odd affiliated societies present at the meeting to present short reports on the year's activities.

One of the most important portions of the morning session will be the president's address, after which the annual report, setting forth the work of the council during the past twelvemonth, will be read, followed by the presentation of the financial statement. The election of officers will also take place during the morning, and the result will be announced before adjournment at 12:30 oclock.

The afternoon session will be opened with the reading of a number of reports of affiliated societies. This will precede a report on "Citizenship," by Mrs. Gordon Grant. Mrs. Margaret Jenkins will give a report on "Education," and Mrs. Hasell will speak on "Art and Applied Art." The remainder of the session will be devoted to the formal adoption of a resolution urging upon the Provincial Government the necessity of introducing some form of universal military training in the public schools.

Other less important matters, such as minor reports, correspondence, etc. will be given attention by the council.

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TO MOBILIZE 102ND AT TRAINING CENTRE

Officers and Men of Northern B. C. Battalion Will Be Mustered at Comox Before March 12.

With his enthusiasm over the type of manhood enlisting from the North in the 102nd Battalion, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Warden, its commanding officer, has returned after a tour of the district between Prince Rupert and Prince George. He asserts that he will leave Canada with the finest battalion, at least in a physical sense, that has ever been mobilized in Canada.

"The other day," Col. Warden said, "the ordnance officers were astonished when we put in a requisition for a supply of boots sized between 9 and 12. We wanted none smaller, and those charged with their distribution could not believe us when we insisted on getting such footwear. When convinced, they said that it was the first time that an order of the kind had been placed."

The C. O. also stated that he had a unique experience with one of his men in the North. He is 6 feet 6 inches tall and built in proportion, and in walking down the promenade of the vessel forgot that the roof had not been placed high enough for the comfortable accommodation of such passengers. Consequently, when he attempted to walk down the side of the ship without bending, he brushed off several of the electric light bulbs, much to the disgust of the purser and to the amusement of other members of the crew.

Gather at Comox

Col. Warden states that it is the intention to mobilize the 102nd at Comox before March 12. Orders were being issued to the different detachments, which were situated in various parts of the Province, to move to the training centre. By the time all the recruits reached the camp, provision would have been made for their accommodation. Huts, which were nearing completion, would be used as dining rooms and for other purposes of a general character. The men, however, would be placed under canvas, floors being provided for each tent.

The battalion, when concentrated, the commanding officer said, would be about 1,000 strong. There would be that many, at least, in the force and possibly more. In fact, providing all those taken on in the Kootenays and who are in billets there, reported for duty, he asserted that the 102nd would be somewhat over battalion strength, and it would be possible to do the reorganization always necessary without reducing the establishment before the mark set for the battalion together with its base company. The chances, however, were that a large proportion of the Kootenay men would elect to stay with the newly authorized battalion under Lieut.-Col. Mackay, so that it was probable that the 102nd would have to continue recruiting for some time to come. Anticipating such a condition, it was proposed taking on men as long as they offered in Victoria, Vancouver and other centres.

Col. Warden stated that arrangements were being made for the comfortable housing of the officers and their families at Comox. They would be with their men throughout the training period. It was proposed working hard every day with a view to attaining a high standard of efficiency in two or three months. A start would be made with the rudiments of soldiering and later the men would be given instruction in the new phases of warfare developed by recent operations on the Western frontier on the continent.

PEOPLE ARE TO DECIDE POLICY

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wishes and our own, namely, that the matter will be kept out of party politics.

"As to the next question of the assistance to be given on the day of the polls to see that the proper vote is recorded, you can rest assured that as Mr. Nelson suggested this morning, the same assistance will be given your people to have their votes recorded as we would give for recording the votes on election day for any of the candidates.

Bare Majority Will Suffice

"And now the next question is of the majority. There has been a difference in the matter of majorities in local option in Ontario. They require a different majority there, larger than anywhere else, greater than in Manitoba. The only plebiscite since I have been in the Legislature was at the time when we referred the question of local option to the people. The policy then laid down by the Government was that all those voting in the poll on election day for the election of candidates and who did not vote at all on the local option question were counted in the grand total as against the measure.

"The prohibition matter, however, has been the subject of so much public debate that all the people are educated up to a certain view, and there is a great deal of interest being taken in it, and if a man has sufficient interest to go to vote for any candidate and under the circumstances does not see fit to ask for a prohibition ticket, to vote either for or against it, then in that case we will not consider his vote at all. But the majority of the votes cast on the prohibition question will decide the matter.

"Now, in order that there may be no mistake about this matter, I propose to write a letter to Mr. Rogers setting out the views of the Government upon the question, so that there will be no suggestion of misinterpretation of the statement which I am making this afternoon, which must necessarily be more or less defective.

In Force on January 1, 1917

"Now comes the question of the act coming into force next January, providing it is carried by the people. Of course, if it is not carried by the people, it drops there. The Government feels that the conditions caused by the war have so sobered the people and given them a different viewpoint, as Mr. Malkin very properly put it this morning when he made the suggestion that the soul of the people had really been stirred upon all moral questions, that it seems to me there should be, as you suggest, amendments to the Liquor Act to come into force at once this session. These of course will be of a most stringent nature and will deal with several questions, some of which you have mentioned this morning regarding closing hours and any other important amendments which I think will be improvements to the Liquor Act, and which will be in force during the war and the war period only. The war will not probably be over next January (we regret to say), and if the prohibition act comes into force, it will obviate the necessity for further amendments; but if it does not meet the approval of the people, then these Liquor Act amendments will be in force until the end of the war. The suggestion which I make as to amendments to the Liquor Act we also propose to make applicable to clubs; I don't see why they should be in any different position from the hotels at this time.

"And I think you will be very well satisfied with the amendments that we have to offer to the Liquor Act, which will be introduced in the very early stages of the session. I know that it has been suggested before that you would give every assistance that you could to the Government in connection with the framing of this act, and you may rest assured from my past reputation as a legislator, and particularly on the question of liquor legislation, that it is not only the view of the Government but of myself personally that we want to get the very best act that we can, so that it will be effective. And if this act is carried by the people, I can only tell you in conclusion that I will use my every effort, so long as I remain Attorney-General, to see that it is properly enforced."

Government's Views

The morning meeting between the deputation and the executive council was a lengthy one, during which various speakers expressed their views upon the necessity for the asked-for legislation. In making his announcement that the Government's reply would be forthcoming in the afternoon, Premier Bowser said he and his colleagues had been much impressed with the views presented; not only did the Government feel the seriousness of the question, but also recognized the force of the arguments advanced by the deputation. The question was one which must be grappled with by the Government. Neither morally, materially, bodily or in point of view of the family relations has liquor ever benefited any man. The Government had endeavored to improve legislation in connection with the problem as well as it could, but, apparently, the People's Prohibition Party holds the view that nothing short of the most stringent liquor legislation would meet the situation as it now exists in British Columbia. He believed the policy of Sir Richard McBride in respect to the liquor problem had not gone far enough.

Pointing out that the proposed legislation, and the requests of the prohibition advocates differed in as much as the former suggested the plebiscite and the latter desired the referendum, Premier Bowser stated that since the new Government had come into power in December last, very important matters had had to be dealt with and no definite answer had been given to the Prohibition Party but, he believed, nothing had been lost by the delay. One advantage had been that they had had an opportunity to see the counter-petition, a petition, the inspection of which did not bear the force it appeared to have at first sight. A further advantage of the delay had been that it has given the departmental minister time to secure the various legislative measures of Canada and the United States in order that the fullest data should be available when the question came to be discussed in the House.

Delegation's Arguments

The arguments of the speakers of the deputation dealt with the necessity, from the standpoint of the welfare of the people, especially in these times of war, of prohibitory legislation, the assertion being made that the public desire for the asked-for legislation was overwhelming. Mr. Jonathan Rogers, of Vancouver, head of the delegation, stated the enactment of a law was not being sought, but only the Government's permission for the securing of the opinion of the people on the question.

Mr. H. Beckwith, referring to the counter petition of the Merchants' Protective Association, stated that on the face it purported to represent 34,000 voters, but on closer investigation it was found that it contained not only voters but the names of many adult male residents. One man had signed the petition no less than six times and others from two to four times.

Mr. H. T. Thrift, representing the grand lodge of the Orange Order of British Columbia, stated that in response to a request of an expression of opinion by the various local lodges all, with the exception of four from which no response was had, favored the prohibition.

Venerable Archdeacon Heathcote dwelt upon the great moral effect of the suggested legislation, and Mr. J. H. Malkin, of Vancouver, referred to the beneficial results following on the Governmental action in Russia, France, the United States and, in a measure, in England since the outbreak of war.

Other speakers included Mayor Rowe, of Fort Moody; William Duncan, Comox; Messrs. J. Burtt Morgan, of Victoria, and John Nelson, of Vancouver.

Submarines in Mediterranean

TOKIO, Feb. 29.—The Japanese naval authorities have received official advices that three British steamers, one French and one Swedish ship were sunk by German submarines in the Mediterranean on February 23 and 24. The officials think that this indicates an increased number of submarines operating in the Mediterranean.

Pacific Cable Grant Cut Off

LONDON, Feb. 29.—One of the economies in the coming budget appropriation is the abolition of the Government's grant in aid of the Pacific cable, which last year amounted to £33,972.

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PRESIDENT ASKS CONGRESS VOTE

Decision on Proposals to Warn Americans Off Belligerents' Vessels Is Wanted—Negotiations Hampered.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—President Wilson decided today that he cannot proceed with the German submarine negotiations while dissension in Congress weakens his position before the world, so he called for a showdown on the pending proposals to warn Americans off merchant ships of the European belligerents armed for defence.

Making clear that he considers the President, and not Congress, is charged with the conduct of the foreign relations of the United States, he wrote a letter to Representative Pou, acting chairman of the House rules committee, asking him to provide parliamentary means for bringing the agitation out into the open on the floor of the House for full discussion and vote.

Later he summoned Senator Stone and Representative Flood, chairmen of the foreign affairs committees, and Senator Kern, majority leader in the Senate, for a conference at the White House tomorrow morning at which he will request one of the various pending resolutions be acted upon in both Houses.

Administration leaders, working steadily for the last week strengthening their lines, and counting on the support of the Republicans, now are so sure of their position that they plan to end all agitation with a vote of confidence in the President.

OTTAWA STATISTICS

Decrease in Number of Companies Incorporated in Past Year—Number of Naturalizations

OTTAWA, Feb. 29.—The annual report of the Secretary of State, covering the last fiscal year, shows that there was a heavy slump in the incorporation of new companies during 1914-'15. The total number of new companies was 546, with an aggregate authorized capitalization of $228,283,000, as compared with 758 new companies and an aggregate capitalization of $425,407,000 in the preceding year.

The total number of naturalizations during the year was 35,079, bringing the aggregate number of naturalized citizens registered under the act up to 253,400. Owing to the court decisions at the outbreak of the war, the list of naturalizations is not as heavy as might have been expected, the court holding that citizens of enemy countries were not entitled to naturalization in the regular course as long as the war lasted. Prior to August, of 1914, however, 7,128 Austrians and 1,070 Germans succeeded in getting their naturalization papers. During the year other naturalizations included 8,056 new citizens from the United States, 5,737 Russians and 1,120 Japanese.

SIR MAX AITKEN'S BOOK

"Canada in Flanders" Now Being Translated Into French to Meet Demand in Quebec and France

MONTREAL, Feb. 29.—"Sir Max Aitken's book, 'Canada in Flanders,' is being translated into French with a view to its early publication," said the London correspondent of The Gazette, cabling last night. "This will serve not only to meet the demands of Quebec, where a good sale is expected, but of France, where many calls have been made for the book. The publicity given the Canadian troops by this book has aroused the spirit of emulation in the home troops, who are anxious to have a similar record of their achievements. The question will be asked in the House tomorrow by Sir Edward Goulding, whether similar accounts of actions in which English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh regiments have taken part can be published."

In another dispatch the correspondent furnished some notes on the Canadian camp at Shorncliffe. He said:

"Dr. Norman Wallace, of Guelph, and Dr. C. J. Stewart, of Calgary, both on the medical staff of the Queen's Canadian Hospital at Shorncliffe, have been made honorary majors in the Canadian Army Medical Corps.

"Major Edmund Laliberte has been transferred to the reserve brigade of artillery at Shorncliffe."

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Returned Soldiers—All returned soldiers who have not secured employment are asked to report to the secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Employment Committee, 104 Union Bank Building.

Public Market—The Wednesday public market will see a large attendance of growers and a full line of all seasonable produce. With a good attendance of buyers anticipated business should prove brisk.

Wins Clock—Miss Margaret Taylor, daughter of the Hon. Thomas and Mrs. Taylor, was the holder of ticket No. 484, which was the winning number drawn for the grandfather's clock at Mr. W. H. Wilkerson's jewelry store.

More English Mail—Another consignment of overseas mail reached the Post Office yesterday. It consisted of nine bags of letters and four sacks of newspapers, Leaving Liverpool February 12, it came here via New York and Seattle.

Shakespeare Scenes Postponed—Delay in getting costumes has forced the postponement of the scenes from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar and Henry IV., which were to have been produced by the members of the matriculation classes on March 10, as the contribution of the Victoria High School to the celebration of the Shakespeare Tercentenary in this city. It is likely the production will take place on March 18 in the Assembly Theatre of the High School. Professor Harry Smith and Professor Yates have charge, while Mr. Paul King, president of the matriculation class, is student manager.

Musical Successes—The diplomas for the successful candidates at the examination held in this city on December 21 of the pupils of Mr. A. Longfield, F. V. C. M., arrived by a recent mail from the Victoria College of Music, London, England. The results were as follows: Pianoforte playing—Junior grade—Annie Louise Eastman, 90 points; Cecil Albert Jones, 80 points. Intermediate grade — Ella Marjorie Beane, 86 points; Cecil Horace Johnson, 77 points. Senior grade—Lily Jane Bailey, 86 points. Advanced senior grade—Eileen Margaret Miller, 88 points. Mr. G. Jennings Burnett, F. V. C. M., was the visiting examiner.

Succumbs to Heart Failure—Mr. H. Spicer, lately employed at Qualicum, Vancouver Island, died suddenly in his room at the Stanley Rooms, Powell Street, Vancouver, on Sunday night. The man evidently was in the act of filling his pipe when he was seized by a sudden pain at the heart. He drew a pillow beneath his head and lay back on the bed, dying a few moments later. A woman, who occupies a room on the same flat, heard him gasping for breath and broke into the room to find him dying. She summoned aid, but before anything could be done for him he had died. Papers on his person indicated his name as H. Spicer, and his last address on Vancouver Island.

West's Enthusiasm Filmed—A motion picture which has given a vivid portrayal to the War Office of the spirit of the West in this war and has been an inspiration to the East and West alike, is being shown in the opening number at the Pantages Theatre this week. This exceptionally interesting film was taken by Lieut. D. J. Dwyer for the Dominion Government, at the time of the 30th Battalion's leaving Victoria for Valcartier. It is full of life; and the spectacle of an immense throng of citizens and soldiers cheering again and again the departing battalion has produced a wave of enthusiasm in every audience throughout Canada before which the film has been exhibited.

Unsettled Weather—Weather conditions were generally unsettled last night. Victoria was very close to the centre of an area of low barometer developing off the coast slightly south of the Straits. Its influence was being felt over a tremendous area, rain being general over the Pacific Slope to the south, right down into California. Snowfall was reported from Nanaimo and Vancouver yesterday morning, where the temperatures were relatively lower, the thermometer had also fallen considerably over the northern Interior. To the east of the Rockies, very severe zero weather was recorded throughout the Prairie Provinces and to the Great Lakes region. Thirty degrees below zero was registered at Winnipeg yesterday morning.

Inquest to Be Held—An inquest is to be held at 10 a.m. today, into the circumstances connected with the death of Charles Ernest Glanville, one of the two men injured in last Wednesday's accident at the Esquimalt plant of Yarrows, Ltd. After lingering for several days, Glanville passed away on Monday night at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. The deceased, who was 29 years of age, was born in England, but for the past two and a half years had been a resident of this city, coming here from Alberni. He is survived by his parents, two sisters and two brothers at Alberni, a sister in Winnipeg and a brother at Buffalo, N. Y. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2 p.m. from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Interment will be made at Ross Bay Cemetery, the Rev. Robert Hughes officiating.

COMING EVENTS

Girls' Realm Guild—A meeting of the Girls' Realm Guild and full rehearsal for Saturday evening's entertainment will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. in St. Margaret's School.

King's Daughters — The monthly business meeting of the King's Daughters will take place at 10 o'clock this morning in the rest room, Courtney Street.

Ivy Leaf Social Club—The Ivy Leaf Social Club will hold its weekly whist drive in the K. of P. Hall, North Park Street, tomorrow night, commencing at 8:15 o'clock.

Congregational Ladies' Aid — The monthly business meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Congregational Church will be held today instead of on Wednesday, March 8.

Saanich Ratepayers—Ward 7 (Saanich) Ratepayers' Association will hold its regular quarterly meeting today at 8 p. m., at the Gorge Presbyterian Church, corner Tillicum and Walter Avenues.

Lenten Services—At St. James' Church, corner of Jubilee and John Streets, the Rev. H. T. Archibald, B.A., will take the Lenten services throughout the coming season and will commence his duties next Sunday.

Sale of Home-Made Articles—The ladies of Wesley Church will hold a sale of home-made garments, cooking and candy tomorrow afternoon in the social hall of the church, McPherson Avenue. Afternoon tea will be served from 3 to 5:30 o'clock.

Centennial Epworth League—Those taking part in the concert to be given by the members of the Centennial Epworth League at the Willows Camp Y. M. C. A. building are asked to meet at the corner of Yates and Douglas Streets today at 7:30 p.m., so as to take the 7:35 Willows car.

For Willows Y. M. C. A.—The big entertainment being given by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire in the Royal Victoria Theatre on Tuesday, March 7, promises to be a big success. They have secured the best talent in the city, and are being assisted by the 88th Fusiliers Band. The concert is in aid of the funds of the Willows Y. M. C. A.

Veterans' Club—The Veterans' Club of British Columbia will hold a general meeting at Frontiersmen's Headquarters, Camosun Building, 1202-05 Langley Street, tonight, at 8 o'clock. Messrs. Howell and Huxtable will give a magic lantern entertainment which will be most interesting to the men who have returned from the front, all of whom are cordially invited to attend to help in the good work of their comrades. The club is still in need of a pool table, and several card tables would be very acceptable.

Banquet to Returned Soldiers—The ladies of Britannia, No. 216, L.O.B.A., invite all returned soldiers to a banquet to be given in their honor in the Orange Hall, Yates Street, tomorrow at 7 p.m. Invitations have been mailed to all known addresses. The banquet will be followed by a concert, after which a dance will be held. Members of the L. O. B. A. and L. O. L. are invited to be present at the concert and dance.

"Beauties of British Columbia"—Tomorrow evening, Mr. W. F. Best will lecture on "The Beauties of British Columbia," in the Public Hall, Gordon Head. The lecture will be illustrated by magnificent lantern pictures. As Mr. Best is known to be the possessor of the finest collection of lantern views of British Columbia, the event is anticipated with much interest in the district. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock by Mr. C. H. French, and there will be a collection in aid of the Presbyterian Church funds.

"Call to the Colors"—An original three-act Highland military drama is to be produced in aid of patriotic societies. Actors and actresses are required to make up the cast, in which are the following characters: Douglas Campbell, old man character; Mrs. Campbell, wife; Mary, daughter; Colin Campbell, son, juvenile heavy; Angus Macgregor, juvenile heavy; Pat Molloy, Irish comedy merchant; Spider (male), Cockney character. Sgt. A. Hunt, 88th Battalion, C. E. F., is in charge of the arrangements, and those willing to act are asked to communicate with him at the Willows P. O., or by telephoning 5264.

Old-Time Sketch—"The Minister's Bride," an old-time sketch, will be presented by the young people of the Naval and Military Methodist Church, Esquimalt, in the schoolroom this evening at 8 o'clock. The cast includes well known local people, who will wear dresses of the period represented. A clever and amusing representation of the difficulties a young wife experienced in the parsonage in the exacting times depicted and also some of the light and shade in the life of the minister will be illustrated. The play has been given in many parts of Canada with great success. A good musical programme is included.

Red Cross Entertainment—A programme of unusual interest will take place at the Rex Theatre, Esquimalt, tomorrow evening, "Red Cross" night. The first part of the programme will be an illustrated lecture by the Rev. Robert Hughes, of the Royal Naval and Garrison Methodist Church, Esquimalt. The title is, "My Experience in Belgium and Germany." Mr. Hughes has travelled in these countries recently. He will also show some interesting war pictures as well as some fine pictures of the Coronation of King George and Queen Mary. The musical part of the programme will be very attractive. Mrs. Jesse Longfield, whose lovely voice is always such a pleasure to hear, has promised to sing; a duet by Mrs. Beasley and Mr. Wright; a pierrot song and dance by Miss Lilian Holden and Miss Nora Lugrin will be among other enjoyable numbers. There will be the usual moving pictures shown. Fifty prizes will be given away at the close of the programme. These prizes are exhibited in Mr. Angus' store on the Esquimalt Road.

PIONEER PRESBYTER PASSES AWAY AT SOOKE

Rev. William H. McKenney Was for Several Years Engaged in Missionary Work in Interior

Rev. William Hall McKenney, well known throughout the Sooke and Metchosin districts, and for several years actively engaged in missionary work in British Columbia under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, passed away yesterday at Sooke. He was seventy-eight years of age.

The late Mr. McKenney was born in England, where he was ordained. After serving several years in churches in the Old Country, he entered the missionary field, and was commissioned to come to British Columbia. He came to the Province about fifteen years ago, and worked with diligence and perseverance in various parts of the Interior and on Texada Island in building up a strong foundation for Presbyterianism in those parts.

Four or five years ago, he retired, and came to Vancouver Island. He took up residence near the Sooke Presbyterian Church, and frequently delivered sermons at that place of worship. Advancing age and illness gradually caused him to relax his usual activities in connection with church life, and the severe Winter proved to be a great hardship for him.

He was a widower, and is survived by a daughter living in Vancouver, and a son, who for some years was an engineer on one of the Canadian Pacific Railway transpacific liners.

The time of the funeral has not yet been set, but Rev. David Gray, pastor of the Sooke Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Interment will be made in the church graveyard.

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Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., February 29, 1916.

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An important ocean storm area now centered on the Coast is causing rain southward to California, and snow has fallen at Nanaimo and on the Lower Mainland. Colder weather prevails in Northern British Columbia and zero temperatures are general in the Prairie Provinces.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	32	41
Vancouver	32	42
Kamloops	22	36
Barkerville	0	22
Prince Rupert	26	46
Atlin	12	18
Dawson, Y. T.	— 6	10
Calgary, Alta.	— 4	4
Winnipeg, Man.	—20	—10
Portland	28	48
San Francisco	46	54
Port Arthur	—14	4
Penticton	22	40
Nelson	30	38
Cranbrook	12	30
Fort George	20	40
Toronto	17	27
Ottawa	—10	6
Montreal	4	6
St. John	2	20
Halifax	8	20

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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Mr. S. Kirkham, of Messrs. H. O. Kirkham & Co., is leaving on Thursday afternoon's boat for Vancouver, having enlisted with No. 6 Company, Canadian Engineers.

A quiet wedding ceremony was performed at the Metropolitan Methodist Parsonage on Saturday, February 26, when Miss Winnie Lambert was married to Mr. Frank Lea. Rev. Dr. Scott performed the ceremony. The young couple will take up their residence in this city.

On Monday, Miss Mary Nicklin, of this city, was united in marriage to Pte. Grant Crackwell, of the 67th Battalion. The bride was becomingly dressed in a navy blue traveling suit, and the groom wore his uniform. Miss C. M. Wright attended the bride, and Pte. W. Crackwell, the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Scott at the Metropolitan Parsonage.

On Monday last, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, chaplain to the forces, celebrated at "Bredalbane," the marriage of Pte. Edward Parker, of the 88th Fusiliers, and Miss Helena Symons, both of this city.

SCOTCH CONCERT

Tonight in St. Columba Presbyterian Church, Oak Bay, corner of Granite and Mitchell Streets, Mr. J. G. Brown, assisted by a number of the best vocalists, etc., in the city, will give a big Scotch concert. The following is the programme:

Part Song—Fantasia on the songs o' Burns by the Scottish Double Quartette—Mrs. G. J. Burnett, Miss Harkness, Mrs. Jesse Longfield and Mrs. S. M. Morton; Mr. G. F. Watson, Mr. Jackson Hanby, Mr. J. Petrie and Mr. S. Saunders.
Song—"The Bonnie Lass o' Ballochmyle" ..... Mr. Jas. Petrie
Song—"My Ain Folk," Mrs. S. M. Morton
Violin Solo—"Scottish Airs" ..... Mr. Jesse Longfield
Song—"The Auld Scotch Sangs" ..... Mrs. G. J. Burnett
Song—"The McGregors' Gatherin'" ..... Mr. Jackson Hanby
Recitation—"Peter Pirnie's Wooin'" ..... Mr. Jas Walker
Song—"Angus Macdonald" ..... Mrs. Jesse Longfield
Part Song—"Annie Laurie" ..... Scottish Double Quartette
Song—"The March o' the Cameron Men" ..... Mr. G. F. Watson
Duet—"The Crooket Dawbee" ..... Mrs. Jesse Longfield and Sgt. R. Morrison.
Song ..... Miss Hazel Harkness
Piano Solo—"Scottish Airs" ..... Mr. A. Longfield
Song—"My Ain Kind Dearie" ..... Sgt. R. Morrison
Recitation—"The Breakin' o' the Bowl" ..... Mr. Jas. Walker
Part Song—"O Are Ye Sleepin' Maggie?" ..... Scottish Double Quartette
Trio—"Wha'll Shut the Door" ..... Mrs. Jesse Longfield, Sgt. R. Morrison and J. G. Brown
"God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne"
Accompanist, Mr. H. Charlesworth.

The names of the artists and selections given above gives those attending the concert a rare treat, and the church will be crowded to the door. The concert commences at 8 p. m. Oak Bay Avenue cars reach within one block of the church.

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Companion of Early Days Is Ardent Defender of Good Name of the Minister of Finance.

Thirty-six years ago, when Portage la Prairie was little more than the name of a railroad watering station, a young man of energy and ambition, but with no money, arrived there to carve out for himself his future in Western Canada. No one seemed to know whence he came, nor did anyone seem particularly to care.

The young man, however, did not take long to get down to work. In a few months his industry made him a partner with Mr. Charlie Greban in a boot and shoe business. He took an active part in civic affairs and became known for his public spirit. He was a steady churchman and Sunday school worker, popular and respected by all. He was affable to all and shunned the society of none but the hopeless loafers.

Mr. William Ferris of Winnipeg, a retired farmer and large land owner of the Northwest, who is now visiting Victoria, was in the leather business in Portage la Prairie in the early '80's, the junior member of the firm of Greban & Flumerfelt, footwear merchants. That is why he is one of the most enthusiastic defenders of the Flumerfelt name in Victoria today.

"Although I have not seen Mr. Flumerfelt for nearly 25 years, my associations with him and knowledge of his character in those early days back on the prairies make me his confident supporter against the host of villifiers that have been hatched by this political campaign," Mr. Ferris said to The Colonist. "Within the two or three years he was in Portage la Prairie he made a great success of his business, and when he departed from the town for greater fields to conquer, he left a name that was respected by all."

Mr. Ferris said that it was only from a chance meeting with a mining stock broker from this city in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, a few years ago that he learned of the whereabouts of Mr. Flumerfelt and the great success he had achieved in the business world in British Columbia.

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"Mr. Flumerfelt descends from the best United Empire Loyalist stock," continued Mr. Ferris. "All these underground attacks on his good name are a shame to the parties that are industriously inspiring them. If Mr. Flumerfelt had not been a man of sterling worth, it wouldn't have taken us long in those pioneer associations of 1880 to 1882 to find him out and put him to the test.

"The secret of the whole trouble is that Mr. Flumerfelt, by his industry and ability, has made a success in life, and this has made a lot of less capable people jealous of him. All lurs on his character and nationality are absolutely preposterous."

Mr. Ferris is not identified in any way with the Conservative party here, but is working quietly and on his own account to uphold the name and reputation of the Minister of Finance of British Columbia. Mr. Ferris says he will stay in the city until after the election next Saturday to see whether the campaign slanders on the friend of his early days will prejudice in any way the judgment of the voters of Victoria.

ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Members of Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E., Choose Mrs. J. L. Beckwith as Regent

The annual meeting of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E., was held yesterday afternoon at the Y.W.C.A. library. The event was well attended, and during the session the election of officers and the presentation of the year's reports took place.

The election resulted as follows; Honorary regent, Mrs. Hasell; regent, Mrs. J. L. Beckwith; first vice-president, Mrs. S. H. Morley; second vice-president, Mrs. R. H. Wilkinson; secretary, Miss E. Lippsmith; treasurer, Miss Morley; standard bearer, Miss Littler; Echoes secretary, Miss E. Taylor.

Members of the 1916 council were elected as follows: Mrs. A. E. Hudson, Miss E. Lovell, Mrs. H. K. Frier, Mrs. McAdam, Mrs. Charles Gardiner, Mrs. Seabrooke Young, Miss Hiscocks, Mrs. Wallace Grimes, Mrs. Loveland, and Mrs. F. E. Elliott.

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THANKS FOR PUDDINGS

Christmas Remembrances Carry Encouragement to Canadian Troops Fighting in France

Appreciation of Christmas plum puddings sent to the Canadian troops at the front, was received here yesterday in a note sent to Mrs. J. O. Stinson, 11 Highland Drive. Mrs. Stinson sent six puddings, enclosing her name and address in each one. Here is the letter:

Somewhere in France, Jan. 25, 1916.
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Our Dear Friend,—We wish to thank you very much for the lovely puddings which arrived safely, and which were dandy. We would all like you to know that your kind thoughtfulness is highly appreciated. Thanks also for your warm wishes.

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Best wishes from No. 1 Company, Seventh Battalion, to you and yours.

Yours sincerely,
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600 ADHERENTS ATTEND FUNCTION

Congregation of First Presbyterian Church Last Night Celebrated Third Anniversary of Pastor's Induction.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church to the number of nearly 600 last night celebrated the third anniversary of the induction of the Rev. John Gibson Inkster as pastor of the church.

A light supper was served in the basement of the church, beginning at 6 o'clock, with most of the dishes gotten up in Scotch style. The reception was held in the schoolroom, which was decorated with palms, flowers and flags. Easy chairs and lounges were placed around the hall.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the programme in the church was commenced. There were musical selections by the church orchestra, and a string quartette. The vocal soloists were: Sgt. R. Morrison, of the Western Scots, who sang, "The Voice of Home," and "Keep the Home Fires Burning;" Mrs. Morton, who sang, "Who Is Calling" and "My Ain Folk," and Mrs. Downard. The string quartette gave a very effective rendering of "The Lost Chord."

The Hon. W. R. Ross, Provincial Minister of Lands, congratulated the congregation of the church on their records for the last year. He declared that the members of the church generally ought to take a greater interest in public life and the conduct of the affairs of state. He spoke very highly of the part which Presbyterians play in the life of the community.

Col. Lorne Ross, of the Western Scots, asked that the people of Victoria should take a more intimate interest in the members of his battalion. He said that the men in camp here would be much better for a little home life and would appreciate anything that the public could do to help provide these influences. He also said the officers of the Scots were trying to develop loyalty in the men by showing kindness to them.

The Rev. Dr. R. J. Wilson, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, spoke of the future of the church. "With such a splendid equipment, organization and pastor as you have here, all of which I believe are unsurpassed anywhere, you should be able to go out and make yourselves a vital factor in the community," he said.

The Rev. Dr. Scott, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church of this city, dwelt on the necessity of developing a healthy home life and the need for conserving the good that has come down from the past for the benefit of the future generations.

In replying to the many encomiums that had been heaped on his head during the evening, Mr. Inkster spoke on the advantages of a continuous pastorate in a church, as opposed to the custom of changing the pastor every four years. He said he was willing to bear the bitter and the sweet with his congregation for any length of time, provided the congregation was willing to do the same with him. He declared that it would be the crowning of a successful pastorate if he were to continue laboring with the same congregation and were finally buried in the graveyard of the church of his charge.

The orchestra was composed of the following: Violins, Mrs. Duckett, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. J. A. Longfield and Mr. Simmers; 'cellos, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Bertram; flute, Mr. Nelson; cornet, Mr. Harkness; double bass, Mr. Parfitt; drums, Mr. Blackwood; piano, Mr. J. J. Smith; conductor, Mr. Charlesworth.

W. C. T. U. Meeting—The Men's Mission Board, Store Street, will meet on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

On March 1 there will be a new portrait studio opened on the top floor of the Union Bank Building, View Street. Mr. Young, of Young's Studio, has fitted up the most modern studio in the city, where aside from the usual portrait work a special feature will be the taking of home-like pictures, either in the studio or in your own home, and the usual painted background will be conspicuous by its absence. This style of work is becoming very popular in the large Eastern centres and is a decided change from the old fashioned kind. Mr. Young was East the greater part of last Summer getting in touch with new and modern ideas in this line of work. Besides being very successful in portrait work, Mr. Young has contributed considerable valuable film to the various moving picture firms in the East and is well equipped for this line of work. An invitation is extended to all interested to visit this studio, when samples will be gladly shown.

SPEAKS OF POLICY WITH CONTEMPT

Mr. H. C. Brewster Does Not Approve of Government's Decision to Aid Shipbuilding Industry in British Columbia.

The Conservative administration was abusively criticized and attacked by several Liberal speakers last night at a meeting held in the George Jay School. There was a large attendance and considerable enthusiasm was periodically evinced.

The meeting was the occasion for the return to the public platform here of Mr. John Oliver, the veteran Liberal, and the greater part of the evening was devoted to his address. Owing to the fact that he has been more or less out of politics for some time past, most of his arguments against the Conservatives were based upon events harking back several years. He was at Rossland when the recent by-election took place there.

Mr. E. J. Borden, president of the Fernwood Liberal Association, acted as chairman, and the other gentlemen who spoke, besides Mr. Oliver, were Mr. H. C. Brewster, leader of the Liberal party and candidate in next Saturday's by-election; Mr. John Hart, Mr. Brewster's campaign manager, and Mr. J. W. Connell. Besides these gentlemen there were on the platform, Mayor T. D. Pattullo, of Prince Rupert, and Mr. Joshua Kingham.

Mr. Oliver, after describing the duties of a politician, said that he was of the opinion that a leopard would as soon change his spots as would Premier Bowser discontinue plundering the heritage of the people for the benefit of himself and colleagues. He was certain that the by-election at Rossland had been unfair. As an instance of the tactics resorted to, he said that the Conservatives had brought a Socialist to Rossland by special train in order that he might organize the Socialists and secure their vote for Mr. Campbell. The Socialist had succeeded in polling 49 votes, and these added votes decided the election. Without the Socialist votes Mr. Campbell would have had a minority of about 40 votes. He also alleged that a certain alien mine manager in Rossland had dictated to the people where they should place their votes.

Attacks Mining Policy

Mr. Oliver strongly condemned the mining policy of the present Government, and cited the Nanaimo riots as an illustration of corrupt administration. The immigration problem in connection with the mines would be effectually settled, he thought, by excluding all aliens and only allowing British-born subjects to work in them. Such a policy had been absolutely neglected in the past, and there were at present many interned Austrian miners who were now living upon the Province's money through the indiscretion of the Government in not barring them from the mines long before.

He characterized the Agricultural Aids Bill as "as pretty a little bit of trickery to rob the people as could be concocted." "That may be strong language," he said, "but it is a time for strong language."

In connection with the finances of the Province, he said that the expenditure had become steadily heavier and the revenue had sunk to a lamentable extent. The salaries of the civil service and the administrators of justice had increased 696 per cent in ten years. "We have the greatest natural resources possible; we have the greatest coal fields on the face of the earth, and 20,000,000 acres of agricultural and timber lands; yet we have unemployment, poverty, bankruptcy and starvation. The issue is not between the Liberals and the Conservatives; it is between the masses and the despoiling corporations which are robbing the Province. Human greed is behind all this trouble. Our duty is to leave freedom to the rising generation. We have our soldiers on the battlefield of France defending the Empire, yet their battles are useless if a band of robbers is to take away their liberty."

Contempt for Shipbuilding Aid

Mr. H. C. Brewster said that the by-elections in Vancouver and Rossland were significant that the Liberals were holding their ground, and the Conservatives had decided that something desperate must be done. For that reason the shipbuilding proposition, presented in yesterday's Colonist, had been adopted. He spoke of the proposition with unwarranted contempt and called it an attempt on the part of the Conservatives to buy the votes of the public.

He gave considerable attention to the Prohibition question and stated that in this connection, when Mr. Bowser had decided to refer the matter to the public, he had fallen back on the principles of the Liberal platform. With regard to Mr. Flumerfelt's challenge to the public and answer twelve questions with regard to the statements made by the Liberals about his character, Mr. Brewster said that the public did not care whether Mr. Flumerfelt's character was vindicated or not; but it did want to know his capabilities as a manager of the Province's finances.

Mr. John Hart made a short speech at the opening of the meeting, in which he pointed out his opinion of the impracticability of the shipbuilding proposition.

Mr. J. W. Connell pointed out to the audience what he thought to be defects in the Government. He alluded briefly to the Dominion Trust, the Kitsilano Reserve and Songhees Reserve transactions and spoke of the railway policy of the Conservative administration as based largely upon corruption.

OBITUARY NOTICES

News has been received here of the death at Winthrop, Mass., of Mrs. Isabella J. Litson, widow of the late F. J. Litson. She was well known in Victoria. The remains of the deceased lady were taken to Chatham, Ont., for burial recently, and the funeral was held on Sunday from the residence of Mrs. Flieger. The services were conducted by Rev. J. Hugh MacLean, and interment was made at Riverside Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Dr. S. Leggie, M. P., and Messrs. Alex. MacKinnon, Robert Mafle, Charles Gunn, Alex. Ross and John Campbell. The late Mrs. Litson was in her 70th year and a daughter of the late Hon. George Kerr, of Chatham. She was predeceased by her husband in 1882. Two sons, Frank, of Worcester, Ohio, and James, of Arlington, Mass., and three daughters, Mrs. Litson and Mrs. Mary, of Winthrop, and Mrs. T. H. Fleiger, of Chatham, survive.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Jane Willis will take place on Saturday from the late residence, corner of Harriet Road and Maddock Street, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Flinton will officiate and interment will be made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of Trooper Albert Brown will take place tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, where the services will be conducted by Rev. Comyn Ching. The interment will be made in Ross Bay Cemetery, and full military honors will be accorded.

"WHAT HAPPENED TO FATHER"

For the last time today, at the Royal Victoria, Frank Daniels will be seen in a five-reel comedy, "What Happened to Father." He plays a father who has written a comic opera without the family knowing it. He finds a backer and a pretty leading woman. The leading woman and the rich backer have an "understanding," and the backer wants to install another leading woman; but daddy won't let the first one go. There's a quarrel with the backer, and daddy has to take the part himself. His acting gets him a shampoo, and starts a riot in the theatre. This is all very funny; and through to the closing there is no lagging and many good hearty laughs.

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Once my heart was merry and gay,
And things looked bright as a Summer's day.
But who do you think has made it sad?
That German man with a heart so bad.

I am only a child, but I know what he's done;
I wonder does it appear to him fun;
I hope if it does he'll be made to pay
With the rest of his life at St. Helens.

To help put him there, if I were a man,
I would just march away as quick as I can,
To drill and to practice and all the rest,
I would try to do my very best.

But, Mr. Kaiser, I am only a girl,
And I'm 87, so long as I go to school,
Never to buy pencil, book or paint
From the country that teaches the hymn of hate.

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BIRTHS

VERSTURME-BUNBURY—At the Victoria Private Hospital, on February 28, to Major and Mrs. J. Versturme-Bunbury, a daughter. Vancouver papers please copy.

DEATHS

EVANS—Killed, Jan. 5, serving the Empire, Lieut. A. E. Evans (7th B. C. Regt.), of Victoria, Brigade Wiring Officer, 2nd Field Co., Canadian Engineers. (Inserted by his two sisters in France.)

WILLIS—On the 26th inst., at St. Joseph's Hospital, Miss Jane, beloved wife of James H. Willis (formerly Mrs. Dr. Geo. Wm. Bellamy), aged 64 years; born at Granada, West Indies. Besides her husband there survive her five daughters, Mrs. A. Murray, of Alberta, Mrs. A. McClaren, Mrs. E. Cooke, Mrs. N. Norcross, all of Victoria, and Mrs. F. Chadbourne, of Portland, Oregon; also five sons, Geo. W. Bellamy, of Colorado, Hugh, of Vancouver, B. C., and Frank, Edward and Herman, of Victoria.

The funeral will take place from the residence, corner Harriett Road and Maddock Avenue, off Burnside Road, on Wednesday, March 1, 1916, at 2:30 p. m., where service will be held. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery. No flowers, by request.

BRAYSHAW—On December 7, 1915, at Cardiff, Wales, occurred the death of Jane Fraser Brayshaw, aged 67 years and 4 months, late of this city for the past 24 years. She is survived by, besides her husband, Thomas Brayshaw, two sons, Alex. and William, living in Victoria.

The funeral will take place from the Thomson Funeral Parlors on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Leslie Clay officiating. Interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

ROWEBOTTOM—On the 28th inst., at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Retta Margaret, beloved wife of Cecil B. Rowebottom, late residence 190 Menzies Street. The deceased was 35 years of age, born in St. Louis, Missouri, a resident of this city for about ten years. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband and baby daughter, a step-father, Mr. J. Williamhurst, and three brothers, of Courtenay, and a grandmother, Mrs. Asher, of Rockford, Illinois.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, March 1, at 2:30 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel, 1413 Quadra Street, Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott will officiate. Interment will be made in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery. Spokane papers please copy.

Funeral Notice

Members of Victoria Aerie No. 15, F. O. E., are requested to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Fraser Brayshaw, wife of Past Worthy President Brayshaw, from the Sands Funeral Chapel, 1413 Quadra Street, on Wednesday, March 1, at 2:30 p. m.

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Tonight Victorians will rally at the Princess Theatre where a grand smoking concert will be held, at which Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt, candidate in Saturday's by-election, and other prominent speakers will deliver addresses. The event will commence promptly at 8 o'clock, with Mr. Harold Robertson in the chair. Besides Hon. Mr. Flumerfelt the speakers will be Mr. H. H. Watson, M. P. P., Mr. E. E. Miller, M. P. P., Mr. J. A. Fraser, M. P. P., Mr. Leonard Tait, Mr. H. B. Thomson, M. P. P., Mr. J. C. Davie, Mr. R. W. Perry and Mr. W. Gaunce. An excellent programme of songs and musical selections will be rendered.

On Friday night, the eve of election day, the last meeting of the campaign will be held in the Royal Victoria Theatre at which Premier Bowser will speak. This will be the only speech by the Premier in the local campaign, his recent indisposition having precluded him from taking an active part on the platform. The opportunity to hear him will be keenly awaited, and a capacity house is certain.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Teacher Appointed—At a meeting of the Board of School Trustees on Monday afternoon Mr. H. W. Creelman, of Deroche, B. C., was appointed to the staff to succeed Mr. G. H. Bevan Pritchard, who has gone on active service. It was decided to proceed with the plan of a school garden at the Oaklands school. The work of A. Martin, janitor at the Burnside School, will be taken over by Mr. Cobbett, hitherto janitor at the North Ward School.

Interested in Bill—A conference with Premier Bowser was held yesterday by representatives of insurance companies of Vancouver and Victoria in respect to some points of the Workman's Compensation Act, which will be before the Legislature at its forthcoming session. Owing to pressing business requiring the attention of the Premier, little more was done than to decide upon a meeting between the deputation and the Executive Council for some time next week. The deputation was composed of Messrs. McAulay, Rounsell and Roden, of Vancouver, and Mr. R. A. Brett, of Victoria.

GENERAL JOFFRE'S ORDER

German News Agency Says Secret Army Document Was Picked Up During Verdun Attack

BERLIN, Feb. 29—(Via Sayville).—Among the papers taken by German trops during the last few days, says the Overseas News Agency, was the following secret army order, signed by General Joffre:

"January 31, 1916;

"Instructions for chief commanders of army groups:

"The enemy recently several times made small local attacks against the different positions on our front, and each time was successful. This condition of affairs must finally depress the army. I cannot allow that. The time of waiting through which we now pass causes inactivity.

"Officers of all grades, therefore, must make arrangements in order to prevent or repulse the German attacks. This is possible without exposing the infantry to too heavy losses by immediately making full use of all of the artillery at your disposal and employing ammunition as seems fit. In this way a counter-attack can succeed either by following up the attack immediately and leaving no time for the enemy to entrench, or by being made as soon as possible, but only after new and thorough artillery preparation."

WORK OF ITALIAN GUNS

Effective Fire on Austrian Batteries and Marching Columns—Fog Hampers on Carso Front

ROME, Feb. 29.—The following official communication was issued today:

"In the Lagazuci zone, northward of Col Falzarego, the enemy during the night of the 27th, opened an intense artillery and rifle fire against our positions. He was reduced to silence, however.

"In the Fella valley one of our batteries fired effectively upon enemy columns marching from Uggowitz to Malborgeth.

"On the heights northwest of Gorizia our artillery during the night of the 27th successfully bombarded enemy detachments, which fell back to their first lines.

"On the Carso front the operations yesterday were hampered by fog."

Y.M.C.A. TEAM WINS

Business Men Not in Fast Game of Basketball on Monday Night—Presbyterians Defeated

The basketball game between the Y.M.C.A. business men and the First Presbyterian Church business men played at the First Presbyterian Church gymnasium on Monday night, resulted in a win for the Y.M.C.A., by 21 to 13.

The game was productive of some fast combination play on both sides with the result in favor of the Y.M.C.A. Particularly in the first half did the latter have the better of the play, the score standing at 10 to 2 at the interval. In the second half each team scored the same number of points.

The line-up was as follows: Y.M.C.A.—Guards, J. H. Beattie and R. P. Knott; centre, E. D. Tod; forwards, G. McNeill and A. Marwood. First Presbyterian—Guards, W. N. Kennedy and J. G. Brown; centre, P. McKechnie; forwards, A. E. Forman and H. Surgison.

Booking No Passengers

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 29.—Instructions have been received by the Pittsburg agents of the White Star steamship line not to book any passengers for the White Star liners Lapland, Baltic and Adriatic, which sail from New York between March 3 and 28. The notice advises agents to endeavor to influence persons contemplating voyages to Europe to take passage on American line boats. No reason for the notice is known here.

In Women's Realm

BY MARIA LAWSON



ISABELLA DE LALAING

The Belgians.

The great work done in Great Britain by the thousands of women who made room in their homes for Belgians singly or in families will never be known. Let the women here who think it impossible to make room in a household, however small and wealthy, for a child of a poor mother, who seeks employment; try to imagine the sacrifices made by those who brought into their homes the poor foreigners brought to England in the early Autumn of 1914. Old men and mothers with their babies and growing children were taken in and fed and clothed by many, the even tenor of whose lives had never before been disturbed. In homes up and down the country thirty thousand of the refugees were cared for.

This, however, was but a tithe of those who, largely through the instrumentality of women, were provided for. The War Refugees Committee, as we are told by Mrs. Alfred Lyttleton in a late issue of "The Great War," was like the government of a small country. It had to house, clothe, feed, doctor, nurse, marry, christen, bury, punish, fine, employ, educate and pension something like 300,000.

It would be a mistake, however, to think that all the Belgians who found it impossible to return to their native land were of this destitute class. Even among them there were people who had never before known want, and few indeed who in their little country had been dependent.

But others had been residents of London, and some of these were able to be of great service to the refugees. To this class belonged Miss Isabella de Lalaing, only daughter of the former Belgian Minister to England. Count de Lalaing, a man known formerly in many of the courts of Europe. Her mother is an accomplished Dutch woman, and is highly esteemed in the circle in which she moves.

It would be a great mistake, however, to imagine that the efforts of the British people stopped with the care of the refugees from Belgium. The nation contributes more than half of the great fund administered so wonderfully by Mr. Hoover for the relief of the destitute in Belgium.

Co-operation

Girls in Boston are benefiting by co-operation between the teachers of commercial classes of some of the High Schools and the proprietors of retail stores. The young people have the opportunity of adding to the theoretical knowledge received in the class room practice in the stores. They attend after school hours and on Saturdays and in busy holiday seasons. During last term the attendance at the stores was 7,303 days, and the money earned was $8,480, or an average of $1.30 a day. When we remember that the students were receiving valuable training at the hands of experts in the business of salesmanship the amount of money paid seems generous.

In comparison with the great Eastern city Victoria is small. Yet there are many points of resemblance in the two seaports. The saleswomen in our stores are recruited from our public schools. Too often the girl who is going into a store does not think it necessary to enter the High School. For this she is the poorer all her life. Her advancement is hindered even in her work, and in the wider field of life she feels herself the inferior of the men and women whose opportunities have been better. Not seldom must she yield her place for promotion to young ladies from other cities whose education has been more thorough and whose training has been better.

The retail stores of Victoria will always be one of its most important industries. It is important that the employees shall be not only prompt and courteous, but intelligent. The three years spent in the High School are necessary to mature her judgment and to widen her knowledge. If before they are over she could receive some practice in business and become even partially self-supporting, a great saving would be effected. The co-operation which is proving so valuable in Boston ought not to be impossible here. Our schools are for the use of all classes of pupils. The ranks of our workers should be recruited to as great an extent as possible from our schools. These are matters upon which our educational authorities and our business men might well consult together.

Study of French.

A Franco-Scottish Society has been formed or revived in Edinburgh. The people of the north are recalling their old affiliations with France in the light of present-day conditions. They are searching old records of the days when Scottish scholars attended the University of Paris and sat at the feet of the great teachers who made it famous. There is no question that one of the results of the war will be to give a great impulse to the study of modern languages. The people of the world must understand each other better. They cannot wait for the slow process of making any language universal. There must be mutual study. If this is already seen to be important, it is not essential in the case of Allies, or at least of their leaders, will it not be equally valuable among neighbors and friends when the war is over? The study of French is a good beginning, and it is time we in Canada were entering upon it with enthusiasm. It should be to our young people a living thing, not a matter of books and grammars only. A student who has read French plays and stories should not find it impossible to order a meal or ask for accommodation when he arrives at a French town or to exchange civilities with a fellow passenger, who is a native of France or Belgium.

Women's Work.

Miss Haldane, a very able as well as a very practical woman, has been speaking to one of the Scottish colleges on "The Next Step in Women's Education." The speaker has for many years been looked upon as an authority on educational matters throughout the United Kingdom.

There has been an idea abroad that the work which women are undertaking on account of the war will be only temporary. With this Miss Haldane does not agree. She thinks that much of the work women have proved themselves capable of doing will be left in their hands when peace returns. There will be work to be done by men for which they only are fitted.

It is because of the permanence of such work that there is need of better training. All workers should remain at their studies till their sixteenth or seventeenth year. Like some of the men who have spoken and written on the subject, Miss Haldane believes that there will not be an idle class after the war is over. She thinks the women at home as well as the men at the front are learning the lesson of democracy, and that the whole nation must become a working people. In the days to come, she thinks, women and men will be judged much more by what they are themselves than by what their ancestors were. All women would be called upon to lay aside tradition and prejudice and prepare themselves by education to meet new conditions and experiences.

To those in Canada who have tried to learn what is going on in Great Britain it seems that the women who all their lives have been served by others, and who have needed for nothing that money could buy, have been the first to recognise their duty to their country and to their fellow men and women. They cannot fail to have learned that there was equal worth among the thousands of others, many of them of lowly birth and homely breeding, with whom their new avocations have brought them into contact. In some cases ladies have felt their deficiencies caused by want of training and natural aptitude. These, as well as those in humbler walks of life, will be ready to take Miss Haldane's words to heart and to prepare their daughters for the future.

Music for Children.

In the current number of The Atlantic Monthly there is an article on music for children that should be read by all mothers and teachers in Victoria. It is not only beautifully written, but appeals to even those who have little knowledge of music, but much love for the little children.

Music, the writer says, is not only the purest form of art, but the only one that appeals to very young children. Who that has seen a mother hush her baby with some sweet melody does not know that a child feels the beauty of sound long before it can understand the spoken word.

It is quite impossible to give here even an outline of the arguments presented. It can be stated, however, that the writer believes that singing is the form in which every child should learn music. There ought to be nothing poor, vapid or false in the songs the children learn. Children can appreciate the music of the great composers, and the love of it should be a part of their being, enriching all their future life.

Little children should not be taught to read by note when very young, this writer thinks. All the ingenious plans adopted for this purpose are so much waste of time or worse. Nor is much of the piano playing a help in developing the musical talent of little children.

The article ends with the following paragraph: "So let us say finally that we wage war here against patent nostrums, against enforced and joyless music teaching, against the development of technical proficiency without taste or understanding; and that we uphold here a process of musical education which has for its object being musical, and which takes into its fold every child, boy or girl, and keeps them there as men and women."

The Shakespearian Celebration.

On April 16th, the three hundredth anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare occurs. But for the war the whole civilized world would have joined in commemoration of the greatest of English poets. In the United States preparations are being made for the celebration of the tercentenary. In our own city it is proposed to mark the day by an educational exhibit, in the collection of which the Provincial Librarian, Mr. E. O. S. Scholefield invites all who can to take part.

For most of us the greatest honor we can pay to Shakespeare's memory is to read again, or for the first time, one or more of his plays with which we are all too unfamiliar. We would all be the better if in the weeks which intervene we endeavored to read carefully as much of Shakespeare as we can, leaving for the time the works of today, and striving to understand the dramas which critics tells us will last as long as the human race.

It may be that we are not able to appreciate the work which many of us praise so glibly. Then, let us be honest enough to say so in future. But, in the meantime it is worth while trying to read carefully at least one of the plays which were written not for one age or nation or class but for humanity.

Don't Knot Yarn.

A correspondent has written to the editor of the Woman's Page of the Toronto Globe as follows: In conversation with a soldier he remarked that some of the ladies who knit socks for the soldiers do not know how to knit properly, for they leave a knot in the heel, which makes the sock very uncomfortable. The following direction, if observed, would obviate that: When a ball of yarn is about used leave four inches, then cross it with the same length of the new ball. Knit the former four inches with the regular long strand for two stitches, and the joining is complete without any knot. In case of a knot being in the yarn, it is better to cut the knot out and join the yarn as just described.

Single Men Attesting

LONDON, Feb. 29.—Although single men have only two days more for voluntary attestation, the reports indicate that there was no rush of recruits for enlistment yesterday. Attestation has proceeded steadily since the military service act was passed, and it is understood that close to 60 per cent of the single men not accounted for when Lord Derby made his report have since joined the colors.

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German Falsehood in Regard to Armed Merchantmen Is Corrected by Lord Robert Cecil—Britain's View.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—On the eve of the date set by Germany for the beginning of her new submarine campaign against armed merchant ships, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War and Trade, has issued a statement giving the British view of the status of such merchantmen. This statement, which is in answer to queries whether merchantmen have been instructed to take the offensive against submarines, says:

"The British view has always been that defensively armed merchantmen must not fire on submarines or other warships except in self-defence.

"The Germans have twisted a passage in a document taken from a transport, which they sank, into meaning that merchant vessels have been instructed to take the offensive. This is not true.

"The passage in question, which lays down a maximum distance beyond which merchant ships are advised not to fire, must be read in conjunction with another passage which makes it perfectly clear that merchant vessels must not fire unless a submarine shows unmistakably hostile actions."

The German memorandum dealing with armed merchantmen, received from Berlin on February 10, contained the following alleged instructions to British merchantmen, said to have been taken from a British boat captured or sunk by the Germans:

"If a defensively armed vessel is pursued by a submarine, the master has two alternatives: (a) to open fire at long range immediately it becomes certain that the submarine really is in pursuit of it; (b) to restrain fire until the submarine has come into range, say 800 yards, at which the fire is likely to be effective. In view of the great difficulty of distinguishing between a friendly submarine at long range (one British submarine has already been fired at by a merchant vessel which erroneously supposed itself pursued by a submarine) it is strongly recommended that the course "b" should be adopted by all defensively armed ships."

Only Italian Vessels

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Only a small proportion of the shipping plying between American and European ports, a fleet of armed Italian merchantmen, appears to be menaced by the new German submarine policy, which goes into effect at midnight.

British and French ships that have arrived in New York and at other Atlantic ports during the past year have carried no guns. Seven Italian ships with naval guns mounted on their decks and manned by trained crews from the Italian navy, have been plying between New York and Mediterranean ports since the first of the year, and one, similarly armed, arrived at Port Arthur, Texas.

Five other Italian ships in the New York trade are understood to have been measured for armament to be placed on their next arrival at their Italian ports.

MAKES ATTACK ON APPLE DUTY

Hon. Frank Oliver Gives Special Attention to That Part of Government's Proposals—Hon. A. Meighen Replies.

OTTAWA, Feb. 29.—The debate on the budget, which has been proceeding at intervals since Sir Thomas White made his annual financial statement, was concluded at a sitting of the House of Commons, which ran into the early morning hours.

Hon. Frank Oliver and Hon. Arthur Meighen each made speeches of more than two hours' duration, after which E. M. Macdonald, Sir Herbert Ames, George McCraney, W. F. McLean and J. C. Ethier were heard.

Mr. Oliver gave a good deal of his time to a consideration of the financial conditions and general expenditures, accusing the Government of unnecessary extravagance during war time. He criticised some of the details of the new taxation proposals, more particularly the increased duty on apples.

Hon. Arthur Meighen in reply said that the additional cost to the Western farmer owing to the change in the apple duties would not be heavy, and that necessary assistance would be given to a struggling industry in British Columbia. He said that the expenditures of the present Government compared favorably with those of the previous administration and commended the new business tax proposals.

Mr. E. M. Macdonald favored an income tax in preference to the business tax imposed by the people. He said that too much power was being placed in the hands of the Minister of Finance.

Mr. George McCraney emphasized the desire of the farmers for free wheat, while Mr. W. F. Maclean renewed his demand that the nickel industry of Canada should be nationalized.

Sir Herbert Ames confined his remarks to an appreciation of what Canadians have done for the patriotic fund.

VICTORIA BOXERS LOSE THEIR BOUTS

Al. Davies Defeated by Lonnie McIntosh After Fourth Round—Wall Made Good Fight

The two Victoria entries who went over to Seattle to take part in the Seattle Athletic Club's tournament on Monday night had each to acknowledge defeat.

Dick Wall had a tough nut to crack when he went against Val Sontag for his debut in the square circle. Although a powerful and very promising boxer Wall has had little or no ring experience, and in Sontag he was fighting the champion middle and heavy weight boxer of the Pacific Coast. Added to this, Wall had no training, taking on the engagement at short notice. He made a fine showing against his experienced opponent, however, and after scoring two clean knockdowns in the first round, he lost the decision on points, after three rounds of hard fighting.

Al. Davies was opposed to Lonnie McIntosh, over whom he obtained a decision after four strenuous rounds at the recent V. I. A. A. A. tournament. At Seattle on Monday night, these two boys were again ordered into an extra round, after which the referee gave the fight to McIntosh, when the judges were unable to agree on the winner.

W. H. Davies has anonunced that it is his intention to stage a big tournament about the middle of March, when it is expected that a number of international events will be included. He hopes to be able to get Earl Baird over to oppose Al. Davies at 125 pounds.

The Far West championships will be pulled off in Seattle soon, and it is hoped that the winners in the various classes of the coming V. I. A. A. A. tournament may be entered.

Draw Announced

The result of the draw for the semi-finals of the Peden Soccer Cup tie is as follows—games to be played on Saturday next:

88th Battalion vs. 67th Battalion, at the Willows. Referee, Mallins [illegible]. Linesmen, Corpl. Richmond and Corpl. Armstrong.

Thistles vs. Victoria Wests, at Beacon Hill. Referee, Lockley. Linesman, J. Sherriff and R. Blendall.

President Manson stated last night that it was doubtful if it would be possible to have Vancouver over here to play the inter-city match, which was abandoned on account of the snow, before April, if then, as the Royal Athletic Park has been taken over by the military authorities and is being utilized for drill purposes by the 103rd Battalion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letters to the Editor will be printed except over the proper signature of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

Spraying Fruit Trees

Sir,—Ten years of orchard work does not qualify me to speak with very great assurance on the question of spraying, as I have used only one spray mixture until last year, when I commenced using the double-strength Bordeaux for fungus disease. But I can positively state that the lime-sulphur spraying which I have done before the buds open in the Spring each year has been the means of keeping my fruit trees practically free from vermin. And the single isolated case of a plum tree not sprayed last year was infested with aphis to the extent of ruining at least half the crop. So far as I am able to judge, there is no bad effect from the spraying I have done. The trees are clean except in the matter of bark disease on the apple trees, which I am trying to control by spraying with Bordeaux in the Fall. This is the practice advocated by the Provincial horticultural experts.

I have single trees that have netted $5 in a season, and a number have yielded $4 in fruit value, but the average is far below that. My Gravensteins last year were perfect fruit and heavy crops. Kings were affected with scab, with fair quantity. In pruning, my chief instructors have been men sent out by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. Anyone is at liberty to examine the results. Many of the trees are particularly vigorous, due, I believe to depth of soil rather than richness at the surface.

Most of the orchards near Victoria have been badly neglected in recent years. A series of very mild Winters has permitted every pest to multiply, and things generally may look somewhat bad for men depending chiefly on the yield of an orchard, but for my part I do not cease to follow on my chosen course. There is vacant land around. I should be glad to have Mr. Simpson as a neighbor, where I might follow his truly wonderful experimental accomplishments.

PHILIP HOLLOWAY.

Saanichton, B. C., Feb. 26, 1916.

Mining Development

Sir,—I have read with interest the editorials and letters in your issues of February 19 and 20, dealing with the mining interest in British Columbia, and I must say I rather regret seeing any discussion, having for its wellfare mining, deteriorating into an argument as to which political party has rendered the greatest assistance to the mining business.

In addition to this, there seems to be a disposition on the part of some of your contributors to under-estimate the usefulness of the prospector and the small operator and to glorify the efforts of the larger corporations, so-called.

Now neither of these points should have been raised, and have really nothing to do with the main issue. The fact of the matter is, that there is room for all, and that all are equally necessary. Very few operators, whether small or large, acting either individually, or as companies, ever made a first location in a new district; that has always been the function of the prospector, and is likely to remain so. In the majority of cases, claims so located have been developed by the small operator to the point where larger interests required them for a permanent investment. This is the natural routine, and in any district where this is not followed, stagnation usually results and many claims remain unworked. But to advocate an exorbitant tax on such unworked claims in order to make owners "dig or get off and let some one else dig", is only a mild form of advocating confiscation in favor of corporations who may desire a claim, but who can afford to wait for it while the law is thus dispossessing its proper owner. Such, of course, would be a disgrace and the end of any further development of mining in British Columbia.

In a prior communication on this subject, I advocated the establishment of testing plants in British Columbia for the purpose of locating the proper recovery methods in concentration, thus making a product that would admit of transportation to smelters.

If you will refer to the interesting interview of Mr. Jacobs, you will see that the big corporations, so-called, the Britannia, at Harve Sound; the Standard, in the Slocan; the Nickel Plate, at Hadley, have all resorted to milling, while the B. C. Copper Company, of Greenwood, on their Princeton property, have made most extensive tests in a mill specially constructed for that purpose, with a view of treating the ore of that camp in this way, and then handling the concentrates in a smelter.

Surely, what these hard-headed number one mining operators have demonstrated as being good policy would be a good thing for the Government of British Columbia to adopt; and, surely, what these men have shown to be a successful policy would be equally good for the small operator. There remains, then, nothing except to provide the proper facilities for locating the methods of concentration necessary for the successful treatment of the ores in this Province along these lines; and this, I claim, if the Government is sincere in its professions, should be provided by the Government from the revenues accruing from the mining industry. The scheme has been proved a success by our big mining interests; it is cheaper; requires small capital in comparison to a smelter, and has a virtue of bringing more products to the latter instead of opening up a competitive business.

ALEX. ROBINSON.

Spokane, Wash., February 23, 1916.

Victoria Dickens Club

Sir,—On behalf of the above society, I enclose the paper by Mrs. Saunders which was read at its last meeting with the hope that you will be kind enough to reproduce same in your next Sunday's issue.

At the same time, I would ask through the medium of your journal to call attention to our little club in case there may be some lovers of Dickens who are unaware of its existence, and would like to identify themselves with it. It has been in vogue now for several years, and has done by lectures, essays, etc. all it could to extend, foster and improve the taste for the works of Charles Dickens. The entrance fee is merely a nominal one, and any surplus at the end of the club's year has been wholly or in part devoted to some worthy charitable object. Anyone wishing to join may obtain all information from the honorary secretary, Miss C. G. Fox, whose address is 749 Discovery Street (Phone 5322L).

ARCH'D WALLACE,
Pres'dt Victoria Dickens Club.
P. O. Box 1602,

Feb. 28, 1916. Victoria, B. C.

Efficiency

Sir,—Your interesting editorial in today's paper on "Changing Conditions," in which you state that "the British people are moving out of the old order of things and are standing fast for drastic reforms; that the English nation is beginning to set its house in order and remedy the defects brought to notice by the present, abnormal conditions." All this is true, and each can do his little bit to remedy and improve things. Editors of our daily publications do what they can by their sensible editorial notes, the public also by the expression of their ideas in letters to the editor, and by exchange of ideas with their neighbors. From the latter, I received favorable comment on a recent letter on "efficiency." This induced me to give some figures, and those gave further food for thought, as between our old accustomed order of things and what economy might be affected by the adaptation of more systematic methods.

One of our leading business men took notice in Sunday's Colonist of my letter, and gave an extended extract of a paper read at the Business Convention on "Undue Cost of Delivery," relating to our household needs. Our fellow citizen said that it cost his firm four per cent for delivery of their goods, but as half of his customers took their purchases away, and he delivered but half of his sales, it really cost eight per cent for his general delivery. Taking his figures as correct, still I am desirous of being moderate in my deductions. I will take six per cent as the more correct cost. Now I find by experience and extended inquiry that the average grocery bill of an average household is $25 per month. True, many, alas! do not in these depressing times range beyond $12 to $15, yet many others range from $40 to $50, so $25 will be taken as a good average. Now, at six per cent, this costs the householder $18 per annum. If a fair estimate of the population of Victoria be 40,000 (I trust for the good name of our city this is much too moderate) and taking the usual five persons to a household, then we have 8,000 homes to supply at $18 per house. This means $144,000 each year for delivery alone, and which, of course, the consumers pay for by increased cost of the goods. Now, if by systematic delivery as suggested, costing two per per cent, then we should have even an improved and more prompt delivery at a cost of $48,000, and, incidentally, reduce the cost of our purchases by $96,000, which some, I feel sure, would be glad to save.

Our butcher bills run our grocery a close second, consequently we could effect a similar saving on that bill; more, perhaps, as meat is delivered more frequently than groceries. So far, then, if my figures be at all correct, we could effect a saving of $192,000 each year. Milk has a higher cost of delivery, generally estimated at from ten to twelve per cent (hence the big difference in what we pay for milk to what the producer gets). To be moderate, we will take eight per cent as the cost of delivery, and as the average allowance per house is one quart in the morning and one pint at night, then our milk bills average between $5 and $6 per month—say $60 per year.

The present prodigally extravagant system costs the city families $38,400 for delivery alone. "Efficiency" could be easily attained at a cost of three per cent, representing $14,400, so a saving could be effected in our milk bills of $24,000 per year.

Bread figures out practically the same, so an aditional $24,000 could be saved for that commodity. Thus for the four mentioned necessaries for our tables and daily sustenance, an annual saving could be easily attained of nearly a quarter of a million dollars. In fact, it would be greater, as the increased cost of up-keep of our streets by the extra wear and tear by unnecessary and futile travel, increased number of horses and unnecessary mileage, besides, there is the increased cost of street sweeping, extra cartage of the animal refuse from those cleansings, which are a combination of heavy costs. This I will leave our street committee to estimate. I know they are high.

Now if the necessary cost of delivery of firewood, dry goods, coal, stationery and books, druggists' supplies and numerous other necessaries of daily life, would it be incorrect to double the above totals? I think not. Thus with equal or improved efficiency, a saving at least of (five hundred thousand dollars) $500,000 could be effected per annum, by an improved and systematic plan of delivery alone, which easement would be very grateful to the average citizen. May those suggestions, like a little leaven, tend to lighten our cost of living, and raise the bulge in our purses, thus enabling us to give more generous aid to the heavy needs of our Patriotic, Belgian and Red Cross Funds.

I was pleased to see that the recent voluminous correspondence re "spraying of fruit trees" has clarified the mental atmosphere regarding this debated matter, and the public are now fully assured of the wisdom of following the advice of the Government experts, and the results will be fruit of improved quality and quantity, therefore, letters to the editor are sometimes useful in effect.

It has been with some reluctance, I have written so soon again to your columns, as it is not desirable that one subscriber appear too often in print, therefore, I shall refrain from writing on public matters in the immediate future, leaving it to our fellow townsmen, merchant and customer alike, to suggest a remedy for prevalent extravagance, as they should also be interested in these matters so closely affecting us all.

S. BAXTER.
634 Superior Street,

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 29, 1916.

What Mr. Walker Said

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Chas. Saunders, in this morning's Colonist.

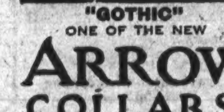
I may say that, in offering a solution to the subject under discussion at the Food Products Committee meeting, on Friday last, the remark I made was: "Tax the land values, that is the only way to relieve the situation."

THOS. WALKER.

1720 Store St., Victoria, B. C., Feb. 29, 1916.

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THINK of Miss Cavell, the Lusitania and the Ancona; then stop thinking and join the 88th. Corner Yates and Douglas or Willows Camp.

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BEST price paid for discarded clothes, shoes, etc. 541 Johnson Street. Phone 4432L. We call at any address.

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A FOUR-room modern bungalow, with large gardens, corner of 8 Street and Saanich Road.

FIVE-room house, Collinson Street, modern. Phone 4261L.

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A SACRIFICE—New 5-room cottage, off Hillside car line, one minute walk from car, $3,200, on very easy terms; has all modern conveniences; on paved street; will accept five-passenger car as part payment. Address owner, Box 1663, Colonist.

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WE specialize in exchanging all classes of property; 500 trades to choose from. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government Street.

WILL exchange 320 acres good Alberta farm land for Coast property and some cash; or would consider shares in industrial, trust or mining company. Box 1056, Colonist.

WILL give three good lots in city, size 140x132, for two lots, level and cleared, Laurel Street or thereabout. Write "S," P. O. Box 619, Victoria.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

BARRED Plymouth Rock cockerels for sale; best prize-winning strain in British Columbia; $5 and up. E. Bingham, 2646 Forbes St. Phone 4878L.

BARRED Rocks, S. C. Rhode Island Reds, Black Minorcas, White Wyandottes, 75 cents sitting. Walton, corner Mt. Tolmie and Lansdowne Roads. Phone 2888L1.

BEAUTIFUL singing canaries; 1350 Bay Street.

CANARIES—Singers, $2.50; hens, 75c.; W. J. Palmer, 1401 Monterey Avenue.

DOES anyone want to find a good home for a pony, about 14 hands; used to harness and saddle? Phone 3542R1.

EGGS—S. C. Red and W. Wyandotte settings $2 and $1.50; cockerels for sale. P. S. Lampman. Phone 3654L2.

EGGS—S. C. W. Leghorns, W. Hogan's strain, 6 cents each. W. Belcher, Carey Road, near Marigold. Ten cents extra delivery in city.

FOR public auction at Maynard's, 11 a.m. Friday, smart saddle and driving pony; no reserve.

FRESH cow for sale, and one to freshen. 2540 Garden Street, Fernwood.

ROSE Comb Rhode Island Red cockerels for stock purposes; a 2-year-old Holstein-Jersey heifer, and a well-bred driving and brood mare. "Braiside," R.M.D. No. 3.

FOR Sale—Jersey cow, milking four gallons when fresh, due in 10 weeks; also three hen turkeys. Apply Filmer, Cedar Hill Road and Derby.

FOR Sale—Heavy work horse. Apply 618 Montreal St.

FOR Sale—Pedigree fox terrier puppies; male and female. Apply 239 Beechwood Ave., Foul Bay. Phone 1444R.

FOR Sale—Plymouth Rock cockerels; Thompson's New York strain; 321 Michigan Street. Phone 1390L.

FOR Sale—One registered Jersey cow, four years old, due to freshen, price $100. Geo. E. McLean, Sidney, B. C.

FOR Sale—Team of heavy work horses, mare and gelding; also one good Ayrshire cow in splendid condition, milking six quarts. Apply 2315 Work St. Phone 4552R.

FOR Sale—Thoroughbred R. I. Red pullets. Apply 1994 Leighton Road.

EGGS for hatching from White Wyandottes and White Leghorns, mated for the production of Winter layers and heavy egg yield the year round, $1 per sitting, $6 100. Phone 2660L3. R. Waterhouse, Langford.

GAMES—Seven hens and rooster, $8. Phone 5426L.

HATCHING eggs, day-old chicks. Write for 1916 Mating List or phone 2724R2. H. A. Hincks, Langford Station.

IRISH Terrier, young male dog or pup wanted. P.O. Box 816.

INDIAN Runner ducks' eggs for setting; fine layers; 10c each, or $1 per dozen. Phone 4403L1.

JERSEY cow for sale. 1320 Yates Street.

PEDIGREE Belgian Hares and Flemish Giants for sale; first-class breeding stock at bargain prices. 115 Wildwood Avenue.

REGAL strain White Wyandotte cockerels, $3 each; White Leghorn cockerels, $2. D. W. Young's exhibition White Leghorn cockerels, $4 each, pullets $2. R. Waterhouse, Langford.

RABBITS—Young Belgian hares; moderate prices. 344 Simcoe; phone 2776L.

R. I. RED cockerels and pullets, twelve White Wyandotte yearling hens, crossbred yearling hens and pullets, R. I. Red eggs, $2 per setting. W. Matthews, Mt. Tolmie P.O.

SET your hens now for eggs next Winter; S. C. Rhode Island Reds, $1 for 13. Johnson, 1528 Belcher. Phone 2274L.

SIX Wyandotte pullets, $6; six Rhode Island pullets, $6; also chicken coops and runs. B. C., Colquitz P. O.

SITTINGS from selected stock, $1; S. C. White Leghorns, same stock as my winning utility pen; S. C. Brown Leghorns, Barred Rocks. A. Lang, Rangaira Poultry Ranch, R. M. D. 2, Carey Road.

THE famous Shellybrook Poultry Farm will supply you with stock that is positively guaranteed. Money back if not satisfactory. Trap-nested hatching eggs, day-old chicks and ducklings. Persons not caring to rear chicks, we recommend ten weeks, four months, six and eight-month-old pullets, and ducks, cockerels and drakes. Breeders of exhibition and utility strains of White Wyandottes, White Orpingtons, White Leghorns, White Pekin and Fawn Indian Runner Ducks. Order now for Spring delivery. Write today for information. The famous Shellybrook Poultry Farm, Parksville, B. C.

VERY fine driving horse, 6 years old, buggy and harness, horse 16 hands high; will sell cheap; all in good shape. Phone 4465.

WANTED—Young pigs. Walker, 923 Old Esquimalt Road.

WANTED—Brooders, by good maker. Box 2221, Colonist.

WE buy for cash, chickens, ducks, etc. Highest price paid. Phone 4544; we will call.

WHITE Wyandotte eggs for sitting; good utility birds; Dean's strain; $1.00 for 15. Lee, 2221 Gosworth Road. Phone 2819.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Between Bank of Montreal and Union Club, two ten dollar bills. Finder please return to Box 2257, Colonist, or phone 2502, and save unnecessary trouble.

LOST AND FOUND (Continued)

GOOD size parrot cage, reasonable. Address Box 2186, Colonist.

LOST—Black leather purse in or near post office, containing $25. Finder return to Colonist and get reward.

LOST—Small purse with change, between Spencer's and Ten-Cent store. Please leave at Colonist, Box 2232.

LOST—Corner Yates and Broad Streets, snapshots. Phone 1001L.

LOST—A black fox tail; finder leave at Colonist Office; reward.

LOST—A fox terrier bitch; reward if returned to Dr. Hamilton, 839 Broughton Street.

LOST—White fox tail, Saturday afternoon, downtown section. Finder phone 4938R.

LOST—Gold bracelet; reward. 565 Toronto street.

LOST—Lady's straw suit case, corner Yates and Broad Street. Please return to Colonist office.

LOST—Grey tweed overcoat on Joan Crescent; finder please phone 810; or call at 615 Fort Street. Reward.

LOST—On February 1, between Heywood Avenue and the Arena, amethyst and paste earring. Reward. Phone 2978L.

LOST—On Friday afternoon, $10 bill. Finder please phone 1203.

LOST—Motor cycle chain, King's Road, between Blanshard and Douglas Streets. Reward, 2536 Blanshard St.

LOST—English setter dog, blue ticked, dark ears; answers name "Spot." Robb, C. S. Restorer, Esquimalt.

STRAYED—An Aberdeen terrier, 18 months old, name and address on collar. Whoever has harbored him during the cold weather will be rewarded on returning him to 2053 Granite Street. Phone 4490.

$10 REWARD—Lost, on February 26, at market or between post office and market, lady's gold English lever watch (key wind). Finder please notify Mrs. W. C. Hill, R. M. D. 4, or Stall 4 B, Market.

BUSINESS CHANCES

ATTRACTIVE island, 32 acres, splendid land, fully furnished hotel with eight bedrooms; two beautiful bathing beaches; garden grows abundance of vegetables and fruit; price $8,000, including two cows, chickens, etc. Without advertising owner has more visitors than house can handle. Family affairs only reason for selling. Alfred Carmichael, Belmont House, phone 5501.

EXCELLENT opportunity for energetic party with small capital; investigate this at 578 Yates Street.

FOR Sale (or rent, cash for stock), country store. Nice location on waterfront. Good reasons for selling. Box 2102 Colonist.

GARDENER wanted join in modern intensive fruit growing with irrigation, near Victoria; married preferred; for interview address Box 2015 Colonist.

MOVING picture partner wanted, must have capital. I have sole Canadian rights of Selig feature production, "The Ne'er Do Well," by Rex Beach. Big 9-reel sensation; playing to capacity six shows a day in U. S. A. Seattle this week; Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, all want return engagements. San Francisco played midnight matinee to overflow. Continuous absolute capacity; effective posters and publicity; organized booking; big winner. Apply at once. E. J. Ackley, 212 Standard Bank Bldg., Vancouver, B. C.

PRINTER with $750 cash can secure first-class position on old established weekly in interior; lovely district and excellent prospects. Replies treated in confidence. Box 2190. Colonist.

ACREAGE FOR SALE

IDEAL suburban homesite, Victoria suburbs, one acre, best soil, grow anything, only $1,600; normal value nearly double; must sell; terms. P. O. Box 78, city.

ACREAGE WANTED

WANTED to purchase, on easy terms, five acres of land and small house. Apply N. T. Brown, Lynn Valley.

TO LEASE

FOR rent, 65-acre farm on Pender Island, 30 acres cleared, fair orchard, $125 a year. 4836 Fourth St.

AUTOMOBILES

AUTOMOBILES for Sale—Hudson, 30 h.p., $250; Ford truck, newly painted, $300; Ford, 5-passenger, $275; 1915 Ford, 5-passenger, $375. Cameron, 521 Superior Street, behind Parliament Bldgs. Phone 1074.

FOR Sale—1912 Studebaker, 25 H.P. 5-passenger, electric lights and presto. Address 2146 Colonist.

FOR Sale—Motor cycle, Indian, 1914, 7 h.p., twin cylinder, 2-speed, electric light, electric horn, speedometer and tools; hardly used, $225; or would trade for light machine and cash. Phone 2597L.

I DESIRE office room with centrally located garage or motor dealer. Lines will not conflict. Will share expense on reasonable basis. Box 2090 Colonist.

J. CARROLL, electrical engineer, member Electric Vehicle Association of America, begs to announce that on March 1, 1916, he will open at the Stobart Pease Building a charging and repair station for automobile lighting and starting batteries. Maintenance and repairs to over 50 per cent of the electric vehicle batteries in Victoria carried out by me. Phone 5568.

WANTED—To purchase auto suitable for delivery; must be in good condition. Apply P. O. Box 1073.

1916 Ford for sale, A1 condition, new coil, presto, etc., $325. Apply Davie's Garage, 817 Vancouver Street.

1912 FORD, Bosch magneto, $250; 1913 Ford, $300; 1913 Studebaker, $325; 1912 Hudson, $350; 1913 Chalmers, $400; 1914 Chalmers, electric lights and self starter; also first-class English Landaulette, perfect condition, cheap. Phone 4685. Cameron Motor Co., 1052 Fort Street.

AGENTS WANTED

AGENTS, men or women, "World's Greatest War," beating all selling records; sample book free; experience unnecessary; make $50 weekly. War Book Publishers, Brantford, Ont.

CROFT & ASHBY

Phone 2999—634 View Street—P. O. Box 900

TIMBER Lands—Over 50,000,000,000 feet in British Columbia, Oregon and Washington.

MINES, farms, pulp propositions.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the Winding-Up Act, Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, and Amending Acts, and in the Matter of John Robertson & Son (Pacific) Limited.

The Honorable Mr. Justice Murphy has by order dated the 21st day of January, 1916, appointed Alexander Dow, President of Dow Fraser Trust Company, of Vancouver, to be Official Liquidator of the above named Company.

Dated this 21st day of February, A. D., 1916.

A. B. POTTENGER,
District Registrar.

Fire Department Supplies

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, March 11, 1916, for the following supplies for the Fire Department.

75 firemen's uniforms.
76 Firemen's caps.
1,500 feet of 2½ inch cotton rubber-lined hose.
500 feet of 1½ inch cotton rubber-lined hose.
500 feet of 1 inch chemical hose.
6 miles of steel wire.
500 glass insulators.

Specifications may be seen at the office of the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed, and marked on outside of envelope "Tenders for firemen's supplies." Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque, payable to the City Treasurer, for a sum equal to 5 per cent of the amount of the bid. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. GALT
City Purchasing Agent
Victoria, B. C., February 28, 1916

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

COURT OF REVISION

Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the assessment for the year 1916, as made by the Assessor, and for revising, equalizing and correcting the Assessment Roll will be held in the Municipal Hall on Monday, March 13th, 1916, at 11 a.m.

All complaints or objections to the said Assessment Roll must be made in writing and delivered to the Assessor at least ten days before the date of the first sitting of the Court, namely, the 13th day of March, 1916.

Dated at the Township of Esquimalt this 8th day of February, 1916.

G. H. PULLEN,
Assessor.

Recruits are now being enrolled for the Pacific sub-division Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Applicants must be British subjects, physically fit and between the ages of eighteen and forty-two years. Apply at H. M. C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, B. C., at 8 a. m.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PRIVATE BILLS.

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that the time limited by the Rules of the House for presenting petitions for Private Bills will expire on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1916.

Private Bills must be presented to the House on or before Thursday, the 30th day of March, 1916.

Reports from committees reporting upon Private Bills must be presented to the House on or before Thursday, the 6th day of April, 1916.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 1916.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk Legislative Assembly.

SHAANICH PRISON FARM

COLQUITZ, B. C.

SEALED TENDERS in triplicate, endorsed Gaol Supplies for the supply of Groceries, Bread, Beef, Hardware, Drugs and Coal, for the above-named Institution from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and sixteen, to the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and seventeen, will be received by the undersigned up to the seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

All supplies to be delivered at the Saanich Prison Farm, Colquitz, B. C. as required without extra charge.

All articles for use in these contracts to be of Provincial manufacture as far as practicable.

Forms of tender will be supplied on application at the Saanich Prison Farm, where samples of supplies required may be examined.

J. MUNRO,
Warden.

Saanich Prison Farm, Colquitz, B.C.
March 1st, 1916.

Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Applications for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined, and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10 an acre.

For full information, application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorized publications of this advertisement will not be paid for.—58782.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Freight Shed on Government Wharf, Vancouver, B. C.," will be received at this office until 4 p. m. on Thursday, March 23, 1916, for the construction of a Wooden Freight Shed on the Government Wharf, at Vancouver, B. C.

Plans and forms of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department, and at the offices of the District Engineer at Victoria, B. C., and on application to the Postmaster at Vancouver, B. C.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Note—Blue prints can be obtained at the Department of Public Works by depositing an accepted bank cheque for the sum of $20, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, February 24, 1916.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.—91119.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the said Company, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Ltd., will be held at their office, 913 Government Street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday, April 3, 1916, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any other business that may be brought before the said meeting.

WM. H. PHIPPS, Secretary.

Arc Globes Wanted

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p.m. on Monday, March 6th, 1916, for three gross of Arc Globes for the Lighting Department of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B.C. Samples and specifications may be seen at the office of the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed, and marked on outside of envelope, "Tenders for Arc Globes." Each tender must be accompanied by a marked cheque equal to 5% of tender, made payable to the City Treasurer. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. GALT,
City Purchasing Agent.
Victoria, B.C., Feb. 19, 1916.

GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

NEW SERVICE

TO ALASKA

COMMENCING MARCH 14

Leave Victoria 10:00 a.m. Every Tuesday for

Prince Rupert, Anyox, Ketchikan, Wrangel, Juneau, Skagway and Yukon Points

Direct connection at Prince Rupert with Grand Trunk Pacific trains to Prince George, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina and Winnipeg. Standard and Tourist Sleeping Cars, Dining Car and Parlor Observation Car.

Through tickets issued to all points East via Prince Rupert at same fares as other lines.

General Agency for All Trans-Atlantic S.S. Lines

Tickets and Reservations at 900 Wharf Street

Phone 1242 C. F. EARLE, C. P. & T. A.

P. & O. Liner Sunk by Striking Mine



British steamship Maloja, which on Sunday went down with terrible loss of life after hitting a mine off Dover. It is feared the loss of life by the sinking of this palatial craft will be over 150. The Maloja is a sister ship to the Medina, which carried King George and Queen Mary to the Indian Durbar.

SEAS PLAYED HAVOC WITH DECK FITTINGS

Water Shipped by Mexico Maru Carried Away Lifeboat Chocks and Toppled Over Steel Ventilators.

Mountainous seas which crashed aboard the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Mexico Maru when steaming from Yokohama to Victoria, played havoc with the deck fittings of the big Japanese liner. One of the gigantic seas carried away the No. 7 lifeboat chock, together with lashing and chain, and hoisted No. 6 hold ventilator from its position to the deck, while everything not securely lashed was swept clean from the decks.

Captain T. Yamaguchi reports having encountered heavy gales practically throughout the trip from Yokohama. The hurricane which served the Mexico Maru so badly broke the day after the liner crossed the 180th meridian, first blowing moderately south by southeast. By the noon hour it was blowing a whole gale and the ship was taking tremendous seas fore and aft. One particularly heavy comber lifted No. 7 lifeboat from its fastenings and carried away the chock and the big steel ventilator cowls were knocked awry, one being jolted completely out of its socket by the great rush of water as it careened down the decks.

Course Changed to Secure Boats

In order to permit the crew to get at the boats to relash them, Captain Yamaguchi steered the ship northeast, putting her back on her course after this work had been successfully accomplished. The hurricane continued to rage until noon the next day and during the interim the Mexico Maru labored violently in mountainous seas. Then the wind changed to the south and later heavy fogs hampered the progress of the steamer.

Further Damage Of Coast

The liner sustained further damage when a day out from this port she encountered another bad gale. This time a big sea pounded over the poop carrying away No. 8 lifeboat chock. There was ample evidence of the liner's fight with the elements when she reached port shortly after noon yesterday, all aboard being heartily sick of the extremely dirty passage. On her last outward voyage from this port the Mexico Maru left about the same time as the Blue Funnel liner Talthybius, but by taking a more northerly course, skirting the Aleutians, she escaped the worst of the gales which caused extensive damage and flooded the officers' quarters and stokehold of the Holt liner.

HEAVY WEATHER MAY DELAY YUKI MARU

Master of Mexico Maru Does Not Expect Extra Freighter to Arrive Here as Scheduled

That tempestuous weather is being met with by the extra O.S.K. freighter Yuki Maru, on her transpacific voyage to Victoria, is the opinion of Capt. T. Yamaguchi, master of the liner Mexico Maru, now in port, which met with almost continuous gales on her recent trip from Yokohama. The Yuki Maru left Yokohama on February 14 and is due on Saturday. The captain of the Mexico Maru does not expect the Yuki Maru to put in an appearance before Sunday or Monday.

Unusually heavy cargoes are now being shipped to this coast by the O.S.K. line, which has a number of freighters under charter to cope with the rush of business. In addition to the Yuki Maru, the steamers Saikai Maru and Seiko Maru are now en route from Japan to this port. Both these vessels left the other side on February 25 and are expected to reach here about the middle of the month. For the outward trip all these vessels are to load in the Ostrander interests for Vladivostok.

COLUSA IN WITH PERUVIAN SUGAR

Captain T. Gunn, Newly Appointed Pilot, Takes His First Offshore Ship Up the Gulf

With a cargo of sugar for the B. C. Refinery, the American steamer Colusa, Capt. Lobes, called off here during the night to pick up her Vancouver pilot. She is from Salaverry, Peru, and other ports on the west coast of South America. On her way north the Colusa touched at San Pedro, Cal., and while there the boatswain and cook, both of German nationality, left the ship to avoid being placed under arrest on reaching British shores.

The Colusa was formerly engaged regularly in the W. R. Grace service between Victoria and Vancouver and South America. Capt. T. Gunn, late of the C. P. R. tug Nitinat, and now a Vancouver pilot, came down to take the Colusa up the gulf.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12:45 p.m., to the top at 12:55 p.m., and will be dropped at 1 p.m. daily.

F. NAPIER DENISON, Superintendent.

The Observatory, Gonzales Heights.

RECORD LOCAL CARGO BY O.S.K. STEAMSHIP

Largest Shipment Ever Carried by Regular Liner of Fleet Being Discharged by Mexico Maru.

Bringing the largest cargo that has ever been transported from the Orient by one of the regular liners of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, the Japanese steamship Mexico Maru, Captain T. Yamaguchi, reached the Outer Docks at 12:30 p. m. yesterday after a dirty passage from Yokohama. Including optional cargo, the Mexico Maru is discharging 1,870 tons at this port, and she is not expected to get away for Seattle until noon today. Recently the extra O. S. K. freighter Ide Maru discharged 2,200 tons of Oriental cargo here, but as far as can be learned from available records no regular liner of this particular fleet has carried such a large local cargo as that now being worked by the stevedores on the Mexico Maru.

Heavy Rice Shipments

The Victoria cargo is made up of 2,232 bags of rice, 10,200 mats of rice, 14,000 bags of rice (optional), 3,060 chests of tea, 263 bales of various skins, 200 bales of sheep wool, 81 bales of lamb skins, 84 cases of straw braid, 135 cases of hen yolk powder and 1,743 cases of Chinese merchandise. The total cargo carried by the Mexico Maru for all ports amounted to 6,400 tons, of which 3,436 tons is for British Columbia ports. In addition to her large Victoria cargo, the liner has aboard 1,560 tons for Vancouver. Her Seattle and Tacoma cargo totals 3,000 tons, and includes 1,059 bales of raw silk, valued at over $500,000; and 400 tons of rubber. Five steerage passengers, four Japanese and one European, disembarked here.

The Mexico Maru brought in seven first class and 54 steerage through passengers, including 33 Russians.

QUADRA TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE TENDER

Government Offers Lighthouse Tender for Sale as She Lies Partly Submerged at Entrance to Nanaimo Harbor.

Tenders are being invited by the Dominion Government for the purchase of the lighthouse tender Quadra as she now lies in a partly submerged condition at the entrance of Nanaimo Harbor. It is specifically stated that this covers only the ship and equipment, the gasoline launch recently placed in the vessel, private effects, and lighthouse and buoy supplies which may then be on board not being included in the terms of sale. All particulars regarding the sale appear in another column.

The Government decided to dispose of the Quadra by tender on the recommendation of Capt. G. E. L. Robertson, agent of Marine, who, after looking over the vessel, condemned her as unfit for further lighthouse service. Pending the disposal of the Quadra, it is understood that salvage operations will be suspended. The sunken steamer has not shifted her position since she was beached at Gallows Point, following the collision on Saturday afternoon with the C. P. R. steamer Charmer.

It is understood that legal proceedings are being taken with a view to recovering damages from the C. P. R. for the loss of the Quadra.

COLONIST SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN VESSELS.

Steamers to Arrive

Bankoku Maru, from Yokohama	Mar. 4
Shidzuoka Maru, from Hong Kong	Mar. 5
Yuki Maru, from Kobe	Mar. 4
Seiko Maru, from Kobe	Mar. 6
Niagara, from Sydney	Mar. 9
Saikai Maru, from Kobe	Mar. 10
Monteagle, from Hong Kong	Mar. 16
Chicago Maru, from Hong Kong	Mar. 18
Crown of Toledo, from Glasgow	Mar. 20
Kamakura Maru, from Hong Kong	Mar. 28
Canada Maru, from Hong Kong	Apr. 1
Tamba Maru, from Hong Kong	Apr. 6
Empress of Russia, from Hong Kong	Apr. 9
Tacoma Maru, from Hong Kong	Apr. 24
Empress of Asia, from Hong Kong	Mar. 7

Steamers in Port

Mexico Maru, Jap stmr. From Hong Kong

Steamers to Sail

Empress of Japan, for Hong Kong	Mar. 4
Hawaii Maru, for Hong Kong	Mar. 4
Awa Maru, for Hong Kong	March 7
Niagara, for Sydney	Mar. 15
Shidzuoka Maru, for Hong Kong	Mar. 15
Monteagle, for Hong Kong	Mar. 24
Mexico Maru, for Hong Kong	Mar. 24
Chicago Maru, for Hong Kong	Mar. 21
Kamakura Maru, for Hong Kong	Apr. 4
Canada Maru, for Hong Kong	Apr. 14
Tamba Maru, for Hong Kong	Apr. 15
Empress of Russia, for Hong Kong	Apr. 20

Steamers Sailed.

Chicago Maru, for Hong Kong	Jan. 7
Monteagle, for Hong Kong	Jan. 14
Titan, for Hong Kong	Jan. 18
Tamba Maru, for Hong Kong	Jan. 22
Canada Maru, for Hong Kong	Jan. 26
Yokohama Maru, for Hong Kong	Feb. 6
Makura, for Sydney	Feb. 17
Ixion, for Hongkong	Feb. 18
Tacoma Maru, for Hong Kong	Feb. 19
Manila Maru, for Hong Kong	Feb. 21
Sado Maru, for Hong Kong	Feb. 22
Awa Maru, for Seattle	Feb. 25

Sailers to Arrive.

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WIRELESS REPORT

(By Government Wireless)

8 p. m.

Point Grey — Overcast; S.E. light; 29.48; 35; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; squally; S.E.; 29.40; 36; sea moderate. SS. Alki abeam, 3:30 p.m., southbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; S.E.; 29.05; 48; sea moderate.

Estevan—Rain; calm; 29.28; 35; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; N.W.; 29.29; 34; sea smooth.

Triangle—Clear; N.E. light; 29.52; 28; sea smooth.

Deadtree Point—Clear; calm; 29.60; 42; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Clear; N.E. fresh; 29.23; 36; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Clear; N.W. light; 29.42; 36; sea smooth. Passed in, SS. Spokane, 2:30 p.m., southbound.

NIAGARA NEARS PORT

Canadian-Australasian Liner Due to Leave Honolulu on Friday for Victoria

When the Canadian-Australasian liner Niagara, Capt. J. T. Rolls, left Auckland on February 22, she had aboard 186 passengers all told. There is a large amount of travel from the Hawaiian Islands to the Coast at the present season, and it is anticipated that the original list will be considerably augmented by the time the liner leaves Honolulu on Friday for Victoria.

The Niagara is scheduled to reach here on Thursday, March 9. She is bringing in a full cargo of Australian and New Zealand products.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 29.—Arrived: Strs. Alameda, Alaska; Admiral Farragut, Alaska; Saginaw, San Francisco; Admiral Schley, Tacoma; Melville Dollar, Tacoma; Wilmington, Tacoma; barge John G. Potter, Anyox. Sailed: Strs. Despatch, Southeastern Alaska; Governor, Vancouver; Queen, San Diego via San Francisco; bark La Fontaine, United Kingdom; Wilmington, Mukilteo; Admiral Schley, Tacoma; Talthybius, Vancouver B. C.

KETCHIKAN, Feb. 29.—Sailed: Str. Admiral Watson, northbound; Spokane, southbound.

LYTTLETON, N. Z., Feb. 28.—Sailed: Schr. Defiance, Puget Sound.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 29.—Sailed: Admiral Schley, Seattle.

MUKILTEO, Wash., Feb. 29.—Arrived: Str. Wilmington, from Seattle. Sailed: Str. Colano, for west coast ports via Port Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 29.—Arrived: Str. Thor, Nanaimo, B. C.; Chehalis, Tahiti. Sailed: Strs. Wilhelmina, Honolulu; Argyll, Seattle; Ventura, Sydney; Mexico, Seattle.

HONGKONG, Feb. 29.—Sailed: Str. Dairen Maru, San Francisco.

MELBOURNE, Feb. 29.—Arrived: Str. Waihemo, San Francisco.

PAGO PAGO, Feb. 29.—Arrived: Sierra, San Francisco.

WELLINGTON, Feb. 25.—Arrived: Str. Waitomo, Vancouver.

HONGKONG, Feb. 22.—Arrived: Str. Dairen Maru, San Francisco.

BALBOA, Feb. 29.—Arrived: Str. Seyo, Coronel for San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Mayfair, San Francisco.

VESSEL STRIKES JETTY

Steamer Fifield Meets With Disaster in Effort to Pass Bar at Mouth of Coquille River

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 29.—The steamer Fifield, owned by A. F. Estabroke & Company, San Francisco, bound from San Francisco to Bandon, Ore., grounded during a heavy sea against the jetty of the Bandon bar, at the mouth of the Coquille River, early today after making two attempts to cross in. The crew of twenty-one and three passengers were rescued by the life-saving crew, but the vessel, with the exception of some of the machinery, probably will be a total loss. The Fifield was valued at $150,000. A heavy storm is raging, but the condition at the bar is not bad and an effort is being made to hold the Fifield in her position. The Fifield is a vessel of 440 net tons, and carried a cargo of hay.

Capt. Bakeman, master of the vessel, said after the wreck that he had tried to make a second crossing after being thrown against the jetty, that the first smash tore a hole in her starboard side, and that the water rushed in so fast that the engines were disabled soon afterwards and his second attempt to get inside was vain. The baggage was saved and an effort is being made tonight to secure some of the cargo.

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MARKET STRONGER AS SESSION OPENS

Some Slight Recoveries From Recent Depression in Stocks—Gains Not Held at Closing of Exchange.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—For a brief period in today's trading, principally in the first hour, the market bade fair to make further substantial recoveries from the pronounced weakness of recent sessions. The gains in that time ranged from one to more than three points in standard shares, with greater advances in speculative issues.

The buying power seemed to run its course before midday, however, after which prices showed a marked tendency to react. This was especially true of the munitions group and allied shares. The recession was accompanied by news of the sinking of a French transport, together with semi-official intimation that too much had been taken for granted in the overnight reports regarding negotiations between Washington and Berlin. In any event, the dragging final hour witnessed but moderate revival of the downward trend.

Representative stocks, including rails and United States Steel, shared materially in the early rise, but they retained little or none of the advantages at the heavy close.

Reading issues were again the outstanding features, the common stock being the most active issue of the day, by adding two points to yesterday's advance, while the first and second preferred shares, ordinarily more inactive, made smart gains, though falling away at the end.

Dealings were far below yesterday's large overturn, but embraced an unusually large number of stocks. It was regarded as significant, however, that dormant issues were most prominent on the decline. Total sales of stocks totaled 530,000 shares.

Some encouragement was derived during the morning from the firmer tendency of Anglo-French war bonds, which retrieved much of yesterday's loss only to relinquish virtually all their gains at the end. Offerings of this important issue were in smaller volume. Exchange markets were dull, with no material change from prevailing quotations.

Bonds were irregular on light trading. Total sales, par value, $2,825,000.

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Stocks—	High.	Low.	Bid.
Alaska Gold	21⅛	20⅝	21
Allis-Chalmers	28	27	27
do pfd.	79	77	77½
Amn. Coal Pdks.	164	159	159
Amn. Agr. Chem.	66¼	66	65⅝
Amn. Beet Sugar	67⅝	65½	65⅝
Amn. Can.	60½	57⅝	58
Amn. Car and Fdy.	67½	66	65⅝
Amn. Steel Fdy.	52½	52	51
Amn. Woolen	53	51	51
Amn. Locomotive	70¼	67⅝	68
Amn. Smelting	99¼	97⅝	97½
Amn. Sugar	..	..	111½
Amn. Tel. and Tel.	127½	127¼	127⅝
Anaconda	86⅝	85⅝	85⅝
Atchison	103⅝	102⅝	102⅝
Balt. and Ohio	86⅛	86⅛	85½
Bethlehem Steel	..	..	451
Brooklyn Rap. Tran.	85⅝	85¼	85⅝
C. P. R.	168⅛	166½	166⅝
Cal. Petroleum	28⅛	27⅝	28⅛
Central Leather	53	53	52
Ches. and Ohio	..	..	61
C. and G. W.	12⅝	12⅝	12½
do pfd.	34⅝	34¼	34⅝
C. M. and St. P.	94	93⅝	93⅝
Colo. Fuel and Iron	41½	40⅛	41
Crucible	74⅝	71	78
Con. Gas	..	..	131
Distillers Sec.	45⅛	44⅝	44½
Erie	37	35⅝	35⅝
do 1st pfd.	52¼	51⅛	51⅛
do 2nd pfd.	45	44	43⅛
Gen. Motors	..	..	450
Goodrich	70	68⅝	69
Great Northern pfd.	120½	120⅛	120
Gt. Nor. Ore. ctfs.	42½	41⅝	41⅝
Guggenheim	21⅛	21	21
Inspiration	45⅛	44⅝	44½
Ind. Alcohol	147	144	144⅝
Baldwin	104½	101⅝	102
Lackawanna	75⅞	74⅛	74½
Kas. City So.	25⅝	25	25
Louis and Nash.	122	121⅝	121⅝
Lehigh Valley	78⅝	77⅛	76⅝
Mackay Co.'s	..	..	79
Maxwell Motor	66⅝	62	62
Mex. Petroleum	98½	95½	94
Midvale	..	..	62⅝
M. S. P. and S. S. M.	..	..	119
M. K. and T.	..	..	5
do pfd.	..	..	13
Mo. Pacific	..	..	4⅛
N. Y. Air Brake	..	..	140½
Nat. Lead	67½	65½	65½
Nevada Cons.	16⅛	16	16
New Haven	68⅛	67	67
N. Y. Central	104	103½	103½
N. Y. O. and W.	28¼	27⅝	27⅝
Norfolk and West	115⅝	114⅝	114⅝
North America Co.	69⅝	69	70
Northern Pacific	112½	112	112⅝
Pacific Mail	25	25	25
Pennsylvania	57½	56⅝	56⅝
People's Gas	..	..	102⅝
Pittsburg Coal	30½	29⅝	29⅝
do pfd.	..	..	102
Pressed Steel Car	53	52	51⅝
Railway Steel Spg.	39⅝	39	38⅝
Reading	84½	82⅝	83
Rep. Iron and Steel	50⅝	49⅝	49⅝
do pfd.	..	..	109
Sloss Sheffield	..	..	54
Southern Pac.	98½	97⅝	97½
Sou. Railway	20⅛	19⅝	19⅝
do pfd.	..	..	57⅝
Submarine	..	..	35
Studebaker Corp.	140⅝	136	136½
Tenn. Copper	56⅝	55	54⅝
Texas Pacific	..	..	7⅝
Twin City	..	..	95
Union Pacific	134⅛	133⅛	133⅝
do pfd.	84	82½	84
U. S. Rubber	50⅝	49⅝	49⅝
do 1st pfd.	107½	107⅝	107
U. S. Realty	..	..	63½
U. S. Steel	83⅝	82⅝	82⅝
do pfd.	116⅝	116⅛	116⅝
Utah Copper	84⅝	82⅝	82⅝
Va. Car. Chem.	45	44⅝	44
do pfd.	..	..	109
Western Union	88⅛	87⅝	87⅝
Westinghouse	65⅛	63⅝	63⅝
Wisconsin Central	..	..	38⅝
Granby (Boston)	89⅝	89	89
Willys-Overland	206	206	206

Total sales—526,400 shares.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

WINNIPEG, Feb. 29.—The market here closed today with prices 4¾c up in wheat and a similar rise in all the other markets. May and July wheat both closed at 111⅛. Oats closed after a steady day 1⅝c up from yesterday, with May at 41⅝, and July at 41⅛. Flax was 3 to 2½c up with May at 206½ and July at 207½. Barley was up ½c, at 62. In the morning the trading in the pit was wild, and prices took a decided jump upward. The cause of this seemed to be chiefly due to short covering and the fact that in the last few days the bears had overreached themselves a little. Many thought the market had reached the turn and looked for the reaction after the huge breaks, but after the shorts had been satisfied, prices steadied, and the market became purely a professional one.

As far as could be learned today, export trade was of small volume. Mixed reports came in during the morning, but buying to cover sales at seaboard did not take long, and was late in the day. In cash wheat the trade was slack with the spread unchanged from yesterday, at 1½c under May for No. 1 Northern and 4½c under for No. 3 Northern.

	Open.	Close.
Wheat—		
May	105	111⅛
July	39	41⅛
Oats—		
May	40	41⅝
July	39⅝	41¼
Barley—		
May	..	62
Flax—		
May	203½	206½
July	..	207½

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 109⅝; 2 Nor., 107; 3 Nor., 105; No. 4, 101⅛.

Oats—2 C. W., 39⅝; 3 C. W., 37⅝; extra No. 1, 37⅝; 1 feed, 35⅝; 2 feed, 34⅝.

Barley—No. 3, 60; No. 4, 55; feed, 50.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 201⅝; 2 C. W., 198⅝.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET

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	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	1.09⅝	1.12⅝	1.08	1.12⅝
July	1.07⅛	1.10⅛	1.05	1.08⅝
Corn—				
May	.72⅝	.75⅝	.71⅝	.75⅛
July	.72	.75⅛	.71	.75⅝
Oats—				
May	.12	.43⅝	.41⅛	.43⅝
July	.40	.41⅝	.39⅝	.41⅝
Pork—				
May	20.45	20.70	20.40	20.70
July	20.50	20.72	20.62	20.72
Lard—				
May	10.40	10.55	10.37	10.55
July	10.65	10.75	10.60	10.75
Short Ribs—				
May	11.40	11.55	11.37	11.55
July	11.50	11.70	11.50	11.70

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

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Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Ames	19½	21
do pfd.	71	73
B. C. Fish	..	60
Bell Tel.	146	147
Brazil	..	54
Can. Car	65	66
Can. Cement	45	45½
Can. S. S. Co.	16½	17
do pfd.	73⅝	74
C. P. R.	166¼	166⅝
Can. Cotton	33	39
Dom. Bridge	205½	206
Detroit Un.	86	86⅝
Dom. Canners	..	..
Dom. Steel Co.	43½	43⅝
Hillcrest	..	27
Illinois Traction	..	61
Lake of Woods	132	133
Laurentide	177	178
Laur. Power	50	52
Mackay Co.	80½	81½
Montreal Power	219	220
Montreal Tram.	..	220
N. S. Steel	94	95
Ogilvie	131	132
Ottawa Power	..	120
Penman	59½	60
Quebec Ry.	..	16½
Shawinigan	130	130½
Soo Line	119	121½
Steel of Can.	40	40¼
Spanish River	3	5
Textile	77	77½
Toronto Ry.	..	111
Tuckett's	..	29
Twin City	94½	96
Winnipeg Electric	..	150

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Blackbird Syndicate	18.00	24.00
Can. Copper Co.	1.90	2.35
Crow's Nest Coal	70.00	...
Can. Cons. S. and R.	151.00	...
Coronation Gold	...	.34
Granby	89.00	91.00
Int. Coal and Coke	.06½	.09½
Lucky Jim Zinc	.08⅝	.09⅝
McGillivray Coal	.14	.16
Portland Canal	...	.01⅝
Rambler Cariboo	.20	.24
Standard Lead	1.50	1.56
Snowstorm	.20	.24
Stewart M. and D.	...	.75
Slocan Star	.20	.22
Stewart Land	...	7.00
Vict. Phoenix Brew.	...	115.00
Unlisted—		
American Marconi	3.40	3.90
Canadian Marconi	1.00	1.50
Glacier Creek	...	.02½
Island Investment	...	.20
Union Club Deb. (new)	...	40.00
do (old)	...	90.00
University School Deb.	...	100.00
Howe Sound Mining Co.	5.25	5.75
Pingree Mines	...	.10
Portland Tunnels	...	.03

Sales—200 Standard Lead at $1.50; 300 Standard Lead at $1.50; 400 Standard Lead at $1.50.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

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Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
American Marconi	3½	3⅝
Buffalo	⅝	⅞
Can. Car Fdy.	66	85
do pfd.	80	85
Can. Copper	1 5-16	3-16
Can. Marconi	1	1½
Crown Reserve	40	48
Daly West	2⅛	2⅝
Dome Mines	23	24
Em. Phone	12	13
Hedley Gold	25	25½
Howe Sound	5⅝	5⅝
Gold Con.	92	96
Hollinger	28	29
Kerr Lake	4	4⅝
La Rose	65	70
Mines of Ama.	2⅝	2⅝
Nipissing	6⅝	6⅝
Standard Lead	1⅝	9-16
Stewart	40	45
Steel of Can.	28	33
Success	51	55
Tonopah	6⅛	6⅝
Yukon	20	24⅝

AUSTRALIA ... SYDNEY [illegible]

STEAMER HARVARD FINED

Owners Assessed $200 and Master $50 for Speeding, Which Resulted in Collision With Excelsior

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 29.—The Pacific Navigation Company, owners of the steamer Harvard, was fined $200 and Captain E. H. Bartlett, of the Harvard, was assessed $50 today by John A. Davis, collector of the port of San Francisco for speeding on the bay in a fog. The Harvard at dusk, in a heavy fog, rammed and sank in San Francisco Bay the schooner Excelsior, which was later beached on the mud flats.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Feb. 29.—Butter and cheese are firm; eggs fairly active and firm.

Cheese—Finest Westerns, 18⅝ to 19; finest Easterns, 18⅛ to 18½.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 33⅝ to 34½; seconds, 31½ to 32.

Eggs—Fresh, 32; selected, 26 to 27; No. 1 stock, 24 to 25.

Pork—Heavy Canada short mess, 32½; Canada short cut back, 31.

LOCAL MARKETS

Vegetables

Beets, lb.		.02½
Brussels Sprouts, lb.		.15
Carrots, lb.		.02½
Cabbage, lb.		.05
Cauliflower, each	.20 and	.25
Celery, local, lb.		.15
Cucumbers, H. H., each	.10 and	.20
Egg Plant, lb.		.12
Lettuce, local, head		.05
Lettuce, H. H., 2 bunches		.10
Marrows, lb.		.03
Onions, dry, 10 lbs.		.35
Parsley, bunch		.05
Peppers, lb.	.15 and	.25
Potatoes, Ashcroft, sack		1.75
Potatoes, River, sack		1.35
Potatoes, local, sack		1.50
Potatoes, Sweet, 6 lbs.		.25
Pumpkin, lb.		.03
Turnips, 15 lbs.		.25
Tomatoes, local, H. H., lb.		.30
Watercress, bunch		.05

Fruit

Apples, local, 6 lbs.		.25
Apples, Jonathan, No. 1, Box	1.50 and	2.00
Apples, box	1.25 to	2.50
Bananas, dozen		.30
Cranberries, Eastern, lb.		.20
Grapefruit, Cal., 2 for		.25
Grapefruit, Cal., lower grade, 3 for		.25
Lemons, Cal., doz.	.25 and	.30
Oranges, Valencia, doz.	.30, .40 and	.50
Melons, Casaba		.35

Sugar

B. C. Granulated, 20 lbs.	1.65
B. C. Granulated, 100 lbs.	8.00

Dairy Produce and Eggs

Butter—		
Comox, lb.		.45
Cowichan Creamery, lb.		.50
Eastern Creamery, lb.		.40
Northwest Creamery, lb.		.50
Cheese—		
Canadian, lb.		.25
Canadian Stilton, lb.		.30
English Stilton, lb.		.60
Eggs, local, doz.	.60 and	.65
Eggs, Eastern		.45

Fish

Bloaters, lb.		.10
Cod, lb.		.10
Cod Fillets, lb.		.15
Finnan Haddie, lb.		.15
Halibut, lb.		.12½
Halibut, smoked, lb.		.15
Herring, lb.		.05
Herring, Kippered, lb.		.10
Oysters, Esquimalt, doz.		.50
Salmon, frozen, lb.		.10
Salmon, smoked, lb.	.20 to	.25
Salmon, lb.		.15
Salmon, Spring, lb.		.12½
Salmon, Kippered, lb.		.15
Skate, lb.		.10
Soles, lb.		.10
Whiting, lb.		.12½

Feed

Barley, 100 lbs.	1.90
Oats, 100 lbs.	1.90
Barley, ground, 100 lbs.	2.00
Bran, 100 lbs.	1.40
Corn, 100 lbs.	2.20
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BODIES FOUND IN LIFEBOATS

More Victims of Maloja Disaster Come Ashore—Mines Thought to Be Laid Off Dover by Submarines.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—Two more lifeboats from the British steamer Maloja, sunk by a mine on Sunday, were washed ashore today at St. Margaret's Bay. The boats contained several bodies.

The inquest into the deaths of Maloja victims was opened today at Dover. The expressed opinion of the chief officer of the ship that she had been torpedoed was not sustained, other witnesses expressing the belief that the navigators of the Maloja saw a mine and tried to avoid striking it, but were unable to do so. It was also brought out that only fourteen of the bodies recovered have been identified.

Laid by Submarines

That German submarines have been sowing mines off Dover was the belief expressed today by Ralph Foster, of Kansas, and other survivors of the Maloja disaster, including some officers of the ship. The fact that some disasters have occurred in the neighborhood of Dover during the last two Sundays is considered in some quarters in London as possible evidence that German submarines, knowing that a number of ships clear for foreign ports on Saturdays, have taken advantage of that fact to creep in as close as possible to the coast in the night time and discharge cargoes of mines.

In the opinion of Mr. Foster, lifeboats are virtually useless where ships strike mines, as the ships almost invariably sink quickly; the crews are insufficiently drilled for quick action, and the boats cannot be lowered when a ship heels over on her side as the Maloja did.

Mr. Foster had a thrilling experience. He was afloat in the icy water on an upturned boat before he was rescued by a trawler.

"I was promenading the deck about 10:20 o'clock on Sunday morning, said Mr. Foster, today, to the Associated Press representative, "when I heard a slight report. I thought it was a gun firing a blank shot until I saw debris falling. Even then, the concussion had been so slight that I concluded an accident must have happened to some other ship nearby.

"I rushed back immediately toward the stern of the ship, but before I had taken a dozen steps, the ship began to list, and I started toward the lifeboat that had been allotted to my cabin. It was so full of people, most of them Lascars, that I saw it was likely to be swamped, so I went below for a lifebelt. I put on my overcoat and the lifebelt, and also took my passports.

Lifeboat Useless

"By this time—hardly three minutes after the explosion—the passageways below were awash. I returned to the lifeboat and tried to help it get clear. Two of the white crew of the steamer were standing by to lower the boat, but only a steward and myself were making any effort to push it off from the ship's side. We could not get the boat clear of the railing on account of the heavy list of the Maloja.

Everybody then piled out of the lifeboat. Most of them slid across the deck and into the water on the other side. The deck was inclined to such a degree that we could not stand. I grabbed at an oar and slid down the deck into the water. The waves were so strong that I found I could not swim in them, and was washed back against the side of the ship. Finally I managed to reach a capsized boat a few feet away and crwled on to it. From there I could see in the water near me several bodies of persons who were bleeding about the head. One Lascar was being crushed between a lifeboat and the ship's side. A big swell washed me off my insecure perch. I knew what would happen to me if I stayed on the side of the ship I was on, so I managed to get to the other side and clung to the railing until only the davits were out of the water. I than pushed away from the ship and swam a few yards to a boat that had five or six Lascars in it. When I looked around, the last davits of the Maloja had disappeared. We had no oars, and the waves were breaking over the lifeboat. When it began to sink, we swam to another capsized lifeboat, and clung there until a boat from a destroyer picked us up.

Lascars in Terror

"When we came alongside the destroyer, I noticed that the swells seemed to toss us up and down for 10 feet. I looked at the clock on the destroyer and saw it was 11:30 o'clock.

"The only terror or excitement on the Maloja while they were trying to lower the lifeboats was on the part of the Lascars and some children who had become separated from their mothers. One child who was on deck near the point of explosion was blown to pieces, an officer told me.

"One thing which made an impression on my mind while I was clinging to the capsized lifeboat was a 'Teddy bear,' which was floating around. The coxswain of the boat which picked us up reached the toy, saying, 'I must have that for my kid.'"

Mr. Foster said he was impressed by the bravery of the women and the white crew of the Maloja, but not by her Lascar crew.

DOUBLE TAXATION

Meeting Held in London Protests Against Heavy Imposts on Incomes—Bad for Empire Finance

LONDON, Feb. 29.—Lord Southwark presided yesterday at a meeting to protest against the imposition of the double income taxes within the Empire. He said one of the results of the double imposition was that British capital was being diverted to foreign countries. It was possible for as much as ten shillings in the pound to be paid. Influential committees had been considering the matter with the view of bringing about some arrangement which would lead to an equitable adjustment.

Mr. J. Annan Bryce, M. P. for Inverness, moved a resolution declaring that it was essential in the interests of imperial trade and commerce that immediate relief be given from the imposition of the double tax, which could not fail to have a disastrous effect on the equitable question of drawing together the ties of the Empire.

The resolution was carried, as was also a subsequent one asking the Chancellor of the Exchequer to receive a deputation and in favor of making representations to overseas governments.

MONTREAL, Feb. 29.—The Gazette's correspondent in London, cabling last night regarding the meeting of protest against the double imposition of the income tax, said:

"Although Australia figured most prominently in the meeting, Canada was ably represented by Richard Reid, Agent-General for Ontario, who pointed out that the proposed war tax legislation of the Dominion Government might result in Anglo-Canadians suffering as the Australians do. Mr. Reid said that while Canada preferred to borrow from the Mother Country, she was not obliged to do so, having a wealthy neighbor. He suggested that a new motto after the war should be: 'Invest under the flag and thereby receive the protection of the flag.'

"The argument running throughout the speeches was that the system of double taxation tended to drive capital away from the Empire, and the injustice was all the greater in view of the sentimental bonds created by the war. In the words of Mr. Annan Bryce, the Imperial treasury was certain to lose more than it would gain by double taxation."

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GERMAN REVIEW OF GREAT FIGHT

Co-operation of All Arms Indicates Care With Which Preparations Were Made—Activity on Whole Front.

BERLIN, Feb. 29.—All reports of the battle of Verdun show a more and more remarkable co-operation of all arms. A study of the progress during the week since the first attack was delivered shows that the guns must have been steadily brought forward as fast as the infantry cleared any French position, there to resume the work of making the next position ripe for storming.

In view of the character of the ground fought over, the pioneers and other technical groups must have fulfilled their duties with the utmost precision and according to programme. The fact that the French were unable to take any number of prisoners is taken here to indicate that the German troops are splendidly in hand, and are carrying out the work planned for each advance, but are not advancing farther until the ground is prepared for them.

The Germans east of Verdun who reached the base of the Lorraine hills on Sunday appear now to be in a position to bring their guns to bear on the Verdun forts at the most effective distance. The abandonment by the French of the so-called Meuse peninsula was expected after the taking of Champ Neuville by the Germans.

The advanced German line from Champ Neuville toward Bras shows that the Germans gradually are straightening out the kink in the line north of Verdun. Between Verdun and Fort de Marre, which forms the northwestern corner of the Verdun fortifications, lies the Meuse, and on the western shore is a broad stretch of flat meadow land which is commanded by Fort de Marre and by its advanced batteries, and hence immediate further progress in this direction is not expected.

Reports from Upper Alsace tell of continued activity. Heavy cannonading is audible in the southern Vosges and in the so-called Sundmau. The cannonading is especially vigorous in the valley of Metzeral and the vicinity of Altkirch.

Further activity is reported on the extreme southern German front, along the Swiss border, where the recent capture of a French trench improved the German line generally. Activity here and at other points besides Verdun indicates a general attack along the whole front. Possibly the purpose is to prevent the French from withdrawing troops from any point for the reinforcement of Verdun.

PLANS OF FELIX DIAZ

New Revolution Against Carranza Government to Be Started in State of Oaxaca

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Felix Diaz, who has been watched for several months by Department of Justice agents, because of his suspected activity in violation of United States neutrality, apparently has left the United States for Mexico, with the intention of launching a new revolution against the Carranza de facto government. Information reaching officials here indicates that he hopes to organize and lead the troops of his native state, Oaxaca, and such other forces in southern Mexico as he can gather about him.

General Diaz left New Orleans on Friday for Havana, where several Mexicans whose names have been associated with his in reports of a revolutionary movement were understood to be waiting for him. Teodoro De Hera, a former governor of Vera Cruz, and General Aureliano Blanquet, War Minister under Huerta, were reported to be among them.

Oaxaca, where Diaz is expected to launch his movement, is the only state that had held aloof during the fighting of the past two years. Led by state officials, the people declared their independence of all factions, and Carranza and other leaders were told that the state would be glad to resume its place in the union whenever anyone demonstrated that he had restored a stable central government.

After Carranza's recognition by the foreign governments, he chose not to parley with the people of Oaxaca, however, demanding that they accept his government unconditionally. To enforce this demand, military expeditions now are being directed against the state, and the state's army is said to be preparing to resist.

VERDUN DEFENCE ON NEW GROUND

French Forces Apparently Well Able to Hold Hill Positions to Which They Have Been Withdrawn.

PARIS, Feb. 28, via London, Feb. 29.—The heart of the defence of Verdun on Friday morning still lay on the knot of hills between Beaumont and Louvemont. In the afternoon, under a heavy snowfall, after half a dozen violent mass attacks, repeated with a violence which French officers declare to be without precedent, the advanced French lines were drawn back to the broad slopes of the Cote de Poivre Hill 378, and Hill 347, the right of which is covered by the Bois de Lavauche.

Here the further waves of assault were successfully repulsed, but in the course of Saturday the French right had to be further withdrawn, Hill 378 and Vauche Hill being abandoned in favor of the higher and broader position of Douaumont, immediately to the south. The line then lay strong and level from Talou Ridge (Cote de Talou) behind Champ Neuville, due eastward over the crest of the Cote de Poivre to Douaumont plateau. It had been withdrawn less than four miles in the course of six days' fighting of unexampled severity.

The Germans are no nearer breaking the French army today than they were a week ago, but because the economizing of effectives is a military principle never more respected than under General Joffre, and because it is evident common sense in a grand action to fight on your strongest ground, they have won four miles of French salient by sacrifices which, when they are known, will send a shiver of horror through the German nation.

The abandonment of the French segment lying beyond the hills in the flats of Woevre is rather different. The French staff decide upon the movement on Friday night without any special pressure from the Germans. It is not difficult to one who knows the region to define their motives. Always marshy in Winter, the clay on the plain would be like sponge under Friday's sheet of snow. Moreover, the trenches here facing eastward would be under a rear and flank fire from the new German positions in the hills, while if only the northern portion on the crescent were given up, the remainder would be difficult to defend. Hence, doubtless, the withdrawal to the foot of the hills. So far from being forced, it was fully twelve hours before the German watchers discovered that the position had been evacuated.

Throughout Saturday, the combat continued with undiminished intensity between Champ Neuville and Douaumont, and with increased desperation on the right. When Gen. Sarrail laid down the present scheme of defense, the old fort, with its stone moat and bridge, was dismantled. The ridge was seamed with entrenchments, which have since been multiplied, and the slopes spread with horrible networks of barbed wire at every critical point. The momentary capture of such a position is far from being an altogether discouraging piece of news for the Allies. The recapture of the position proves, if that were needed, that the French soldiers at the end of nine days of mortal trial are as strong as any Brandenburgers the Kaiser or his son and heir can hurl at them.

The ways of approach to Douaumont are narrow, being limited to a defile between Hill 378 and the Vauche wood, with a few hill tracks coming over the spur of the Louvemont hills, northwest.

The Germans were swept back into these approaches by the French assault of Saturday afternoon, and the plateau, thus cleared, is now, it is believed, securely held. These events, it is needless to say, are being followed with breathless interest. There is, of course, anxiety, both private and public, but no failing of the confidence that has borne the Republic through so many sufferings, and will yet, it is believed, carry it through victory to a stable peace.

SOLDIERS AND LIQUOR

Bill Introduced in Quebec Legislature Will Give Minister of Militia Additional Powers

QUEBEC, Feb. 29.—Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence, is to have the power of making the Province of Quebec a provisional prohibition area for soldiers, if he so wishes, under a bill introduced in the Legislative Assembly last evening by Hon. Walter Mitchell, Provincial treasurer.

The bill, which was given first reading, provides that if the Minister of Militia declares any hotel out of bounds and notifies the Provincial Treasurer's Department, that hotel will be told it must not sell liquor to soldiers, under the regular penalties provided for in the Licence Act. This is to apply to any and all bars in the Province, and during all hours of the day.

At present bars are "out of bounds" for soldiers after 8 p. m.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell stated that many people had requested the Government to take the action now proposed.

SWISS OFFICERS ON TRIAL

Precautions Taken to Keep Foreigners Away From Court-Martial on Two Alleged Spies

ZURICH, Feb. 29.—Extraordinary precautions were taken by the military authorities to prevent the presence of any foreigners at the court-martial of the two Swiss colonels accused of supplying Germany with military information, when the proceedings opened today. Fifty Swiss newspapermen, not one of whom is the correspondent of a foreign newspaper, were admitted. Each received a circular letter calling his attention to the national interests involved and requesting the greatest prudence in reports of the trial.

The accused officers are Col. Maurice de Wittenwyl and Col. Karl Egli, members of the Swiss general staff. They are charged with having communicated with the German and Austro-Hungarian Governments on French positions along the French-Swiss frontier.

Auxiliary Cruiser Sunk

PARIS, Feb. 29.—The French auxiliary cruiser Provence was sunk in the middle Mediterranean last Saturday, it was announced officially today. The ministry of marine estimates the number of survivors at 870. Four hundred survivors were landed at Milo and 296 at Malta.

MAY SURPRISE GERMANS

Nova Scotia Soldier Said to Have Devised Destructive Flame and Gas Machine

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 29.—Sergt. Lawrence, of Truro, son of George H. Lawrence of that town, is the inventor of a machine calculated to bring an unpleasant surprise to the Germans.

P. F. Lawson, of Berwick, N. S., who has just returned from England, met Sergt. Lawrence in London and was shown the plans of the new machine, which has, it is understood, been accepted by the War Office. On a trial of the machine, it was found that a shaft of flame could be projected for seventy feet. The heat of this flame is so intense that it literally burns up barbed wire entanglements. At the same time a dense deadly gas is emitted.

The machine can be kept in operation for half an hour if necessary. The apparatus can be carried on a man's back. Under Sergt. Lawrence's supervision a large number of these machines are being manufactured for early use.

NEW BRUNSWICK INQUIRY

Commissioner Opens Investigation of Charges Against Deputy Minister Blair

FREDRICTON, N. B., Feb. 29.—M. G. Teed, K.C., of St. John, as commissioner under Provincial Government appointment, yesterday began investigation into charges against H. M. Blair, Deputy Minister of Public Works. The charges are contained in an affidavit by E. C. Colby, formerly manager of concrete construction, in which work there was paid some $20,000 for bridges in New Brunswick in 1913.

The inquiry is behind closed doors, the press being excluded, though counsel for Blair asked for an open hearing.

Mr. Colby, the principal witness, arrived from Ottawa yesterday morning. His evidence was taken yesterday afternoon in camera.

MURDER AT SEA IS NOTHING NEW

British Admiralty Gives List of Forty British and Fourteen Neutral Unarmed Vessels Attacked Without Warning.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—Tonight the Admiralty made public a list of "Unarmed British vessels torpedoed and sunk by enemy submarines without warning," up to the end of 1915. It comprises 39 steamers and one trawler.

A list also was given of neutral vessels said to have been torpedoed in the same period without warning, consisting of 13 steamers and one sailing vessel, of which two, the Gulflight and Nebraskan, were American, four Norwegian, four Swedish, one Dutch, one Danish, one Greek and one Portuguese.

"In addition to the above," says the Admiralty statement, "there are several cases in which there is no reasonable doubt that the vessel was sunk by a torpedo fired without warning from a submarine, but in the absence of actual proof, due to a lack of survivors or from other causes, these cases are omitted from the lists."

SWEDISH SHIPS ARE ENDANGERED

Germans Lay Mine Field Off Point of Falsterbo Peninsula—One Swedish Steamer Already Destroyed.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 29.—Germany now has taken her long expected action of laying a mine field round the Falsterbo peninsula, near the southern extremity of Sweden, in the Baltic, scarcely three miles from shore. As the passage left is very shallow, most merchant ships are obliged to steam outside the mine field into international waters, where German cruisers are on guard.

The new mine field is intended to prevent traffic in contraband along the Swedish coast to Finnish ports, but as the vessels used in this traffic draw little water, the mine field has not affected them. All larger ships, however, will be put under German surveillance, and not even Sweden's navy will be able to sail from the North Sea to the Baltic or the reverse without German pilots.

It is understood that Sweden made representations against the mine field being placed in this way, and that Wilhelmstrasse was willing to drop the scheme if Sweden would agree to prohibit contraband traffic along its coast. As such a step, however, would cause complications, as Danish and Norwegians are largely employed in the traffic, and as it was held that it would look like partiality toward the Central Powers, Sweden, it was said, refused.

The Swedish steamer Knippla, which struck a mine and sank yesterday, was the first victim of the mine field. All the crew were saved, but there is great indignation over the occurrence. Several Swedish destroyers had narrow escapes from striking mines in this field.

Football Meeting

A meeting of the management committee of the Thistle Football Club will be held in the club rooms, Broad Street, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. A special request is made that every member of the committee will be present.

The Grits objected to and struck off the Voters' List hundreds of votes—was yours one of them? Visit the Conservative Rooms and examine the Voters' List.

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A Ladies' Smart Suit in Norfolk Effect

Very Suitable for Business Wear

—In fact, this is a general utility Costume that will meet the lady's need who wishes a smart Suit for walking, shopping or for business wear.

It is exceptionally well tailored from a fine quality navy blue serge. The coat shows Norfolk effect with pleats, belt and side pockets. Skirt full circular cut with gathered back.

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Queen Quality Silk Gloves—Double tips; in white and cream. Self and black stitching. A pair... **$1.25**

—Main Floor

New Assortment of Ladies' Novelty Bags

Made from fine quality leathers, in a big variety of new shapes, and beautifully fitted up inside. There are all prices, but very special values at $1.25 and **$2.00**

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New Spring Shades in Double Width Silk Poplins

—A beautiful quality, and the new shades for Spring are very rich and will make up into most handsome Dresses or Spring Suits. Represented are saxe blue, pale blue, navy blue, Belgian blue, lemon, rose, green, tan, brown, mauve, sand and pearl grey. All double width, and very specially priced at, yard...... **$1.25**

Colored Pongee Silks for New Outing and Picnic Dresses—In all the most fashionable Spring shades; 26 to 32 in. wide. Selling special at, yard, 65c and .... **50¢**

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75c values for .... **45¢**
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PROGRESSIVE housewives are now studying, as never before, Household Economy—seeking to know which foods are pure and how they may be made most healthful; which utensils are safe, and how the most satisfactory service may be secured for them, and what articles give most value for money expended.

Wear-Ever Aluminum Cooking Utensils

speak for themselves, prove their worth if given a fair trial. They do not rust, do not contain, and cannot form with fruit or vegetable acids, any poisonous compound. They are solid metal, and are uninjured by sudden changes of temperature—cannot crack or chip.

Wear-Ever utensils are stamped from thick, hard sheet aluminum, without seam or solder, therefore best for use and long service, as well as easier to keep clean. Today's prices are:

Lip Sauce Pans—Each, $1.25, $1.05, 90c, 75c and .... **65¢**
Covered Sauce Pans—Each, $1.60, $1.25, $1.05 and .... **75¢**
Steamers—Each, $2.75, $2.25, $1.05 and ...... **75¢**
Double Roast Pans—$5.50, $4.75 and **$3.95**
Double Rice Boilers—Each, $2.65, $2.35 and **$1.80**
Tea Kettles—Each, $4.40, $4.15 and **$3.85**
Single Roast Pans—Each, $1.55 and **$1.30**
Preserving Kettles—Each, $3.50, $3.10, $2.65 and **$2.25**
Bread Tins—Each .... **75¢**
Measuring Cups—Each .... **35¢**
Griddles—Each, $2.65 and **$1.25**
Waffle Moulds—Each, $3.60 and **$3.35**
Tea Pots—Each, $3.30, $3.10 and **$2.85**
Pie Plates—35c and .... **30¢**
Cookie Tins—8-hole, each **$1.00**
Strainers—Each, 90c and .... **70¢**
Brillo—The special aluminum cleaner and polisher .... **35¢**

—Hardware, Second Floor

35c and 50c Black Veiling Today at, Yard 25c

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A Full Stock of New Spring Hats for Men

—Now on display in the Men's Clothing and Hat department on main floor. The new dark green and African brown shades are well represented, as well as the more staple shades of navy blue and black. All the newest blocks for Spring—and they are very smart.

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—Main Floor

Light Weight Wool Finish Underwear for Men

—A nice quality Natural Merino Underwear, specially made for early Spring wear. Zimmerknit brand—well made, and all sizes in Shirts and Drawers can be had. Special value at, garment .... **50¢**

Penman's Light Weight Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers for Spring Wear—A new shipment just received, to sell at the old prices. All sizes, a garment **$1.25**

—Main Floor

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—Main Floor

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